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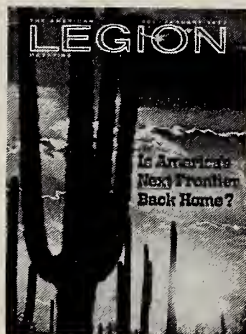
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## NOTES ON OUR DESK

and I say "Nuts" to (President) Truman and other MacArthur critics. I liked Ike and I liked MacArthur equally.

BILL CORBETT  
Wilmington, DE

SIR: In reference to recent mentions of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, I served with him in Manila in 1929 and 1930 with the 31st Infantry. In 1930, during maneuvers at Fort Mills on Corregidor, I recall MacArthur said: "WHEN the Japanese invade, this is what we will do—declare Manila an open city, burn Cavite, go to Marivales and the last stop will be Corregidor." It happened 11 years later. If any of my children had been male, his name would have been Douglas MacArthur O'Reardon, and he would have been a West Pointer.

CHARLES C. O'REARDON  
Bayport, NY

SIR: November was my first issue of *The American Legion Magazine* and the article "The Vietnam War Has Been Put on the Shelf" was interesting and informative. Give us more useful articles.

KEITH CLEMENTS  
Louisville, KY

SIR: In your Bicentennial Landmark article on Cambridge, MA (November) the writer says the Pilgrims came to Cambridge. It was the Puritans who came to the Boston area, Charleston and Cambridge. The Pilgrims went to Provincetown and then Plymouth. They sought separation from the Church of England; the Puritans sought to "purify" the liturgy of the church, without leaving it.

MRS. D. W. LEAHY  
Los Angeles, CA

SIR: Veterans in Nebraska VA hospitals are running into intolerable delays. Congress should be aware of this. I think we should pay more to VA doctors and more should be hired on a full-time basis.

THOMAS J. HEMLED  
Omaha, NE

SIR: Thanks for "What Did You Do in the War, Mom?" (November.) I, too, was a Wave and I wish some day my 13-year-old daughter will be as proud to wear the uniform as I was. I appreciate reading anything about our women veterans.

JUNE A. SMITH  
Minocqua, WI

SIR: The excellent article on Fort Selden, NM (November) had one error. The fort is close to Las Cruces, not Gallup. It's just off I-25.

WILLIAM RYERSON  
El Paso, TX

*Editor's Note: Our red-faced map reader admits Mr. Ryerson is right.*

The article in November on the United States Lines' cargo ship **SS American Legion** evoked memories for many about the first ship to carry that proud name. She was a war-tested passenger-cargo vessel that served with distinction in the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean.

Built in 1921 for the Munson Lines' New York-South America service, she was one of the fastest ships of her kind in the 1920's and 1930's. In 1941, she made an eventful voyage to Petsamo, Finland, to rescue more than 900 war refugees.

With the outbreak of World War II, the ship became first an Army transport, then a Navy attack trans-



The first S.S. American Legion

port. She carried American troops to bases in the Caribbean, then to Australia, New Zealand and islands of the Pacific. She carried Marines from New Zealand to Guadalcanal in America's first offensive action in the Pacific. Her gunners shot down three Japanese planes during that landing and the **Legion** evacuated first American wounded from Guadalcanal.

The ship was retired at Seattle in 1946.

### Letters to the Editor

SIR: I served as an electrician on the first **SS American Legion** in the 1930's when she and three Munson Line sisterships were the fastest U.S. ships on the South American service. The only ship that overtook the **Legion** while I was aboard her was the then new Italian luxury liner **Roma**.

ACKLEY T. BUSH  
Seminole, OK

SIR: The November article on the **SS American Legion** stirred my memory. In July 1942, we boarded the transport **American Legion** at Wellington, New Zealand, bound for Guadalcanal. On Aug. 7, 1942, 2nd Bn., 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division made the landing. That Navy transport had an illustrious history.

W. D. HARRISON, JR.  
Clinton, SC

SIR: I don't know who is right or wrong on "amnesty," but I have instructed my son to refuse to go into any battle which is not a declared war. Korea and Vietnam were wars which the leaders of our country did not have the guts to declare. If they had met their responsibilities, we would not have this division.

WALTER J. CORNELIUS  
Hannibal, MO

SIR: I would like to see veterans swamp President-elect Carter with letters opposing his planned general amnesty. Veterans must stop this action.

FREDERICK J. EGGER  
Penn Yan, NY

SIR: We were so pleased to read about "Remembrance Day" in the November article by Rosemary L. Ginn, U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg. Our son, Sgt. Lawrence L. Lind, was killed in action Jan. 25, 1945, and he is buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg. Thanks again to the people of Luxembourg.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER L. LIND  
St. Paul, MN

SIR: Dr. Edward Teller's article on U.S.-Soviet military strength (November) should be required reading for every congressman. Most politicians don't seem to be nearly as concerned about what is good for the country as they are about what is good for their own career, and that career depends on your vote. So deluge congressmen with letters demanding a military buildup second to none, before Russia takes over the world.

WILLIAM J. DOWD  
Madison, CN

SIR: Dr. Edward Teller's statement in the November issue that "Russia has won the Cold War," can be predicated on the fact that the United States lost so much at Yalta. The Soviet philosophy of dialectics is designed to cause dissension in every country on earth.

IRA SMITH  
Thunderbolt, GA

SIR: I read the slurs on Gen. Douglas MacArthur by some readers. "Mac" thought he was a combination of Alexander the Great and Clark Gable, and by golly he was! They said "Nuts" to the Germans at Bastogne



## BOOKS THAT MATTER

**As it Was**, by Henry Cabot Lodge  
W. W. Norton & Co., Inc. Pub.; New  
York, N.Y. 224 pp., \$8.95.

It seems fitting that Henry Cabot Lodge should write this book as the era of post-war Republican leadership in the White House ends. No man was more responsible for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's decision to seek the Republican nomination in 1952. Lodge went on to be ambassador to the United Nations and Richard Nixon's running mate in the unsuccessful 1960 bid for the Presidency, then came back to serve with distinction as ambassador to South Vietnam and as chief negotiator at the frustrating Paris talks with the North Vietnamese.

Familiar faces march across the pages of this memoir.

Some partisans will complain that the Lodge view is too narrow; that he tends to excuse some Republican shortcomings. But his recollections of men like Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, Nikita Krushchev and Charles de Gaulle add perspective to modern history. Also, his personal account of the Suez, Hungary and Lebanon crises of the 1950's will be well noted.

—Ray McHugh

**The Cabaret**, by Lisa Appignanesi.  
Universe Books, Pub.; New York,  
NY, 187 pp., \$20.

Entertainment in cabarets historically has been a forum for criticism and protest during momentous national periods, not only recently in our own country in such population centers as San Francisco, Chicago and New York, but as far back as the 1880's and onward in the main cities of France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and England.

This lavishly illustrated book gives us an unusual opportunity to study some cabarets and the ideas that have been fostered in them.

**Musings on Money: How To Make Dollars Out of Sense**, by Eliot Jane-way. David McKay, Co., Inc., Pub.; New York, NY, 118 pp., \$6.95.

Money matters and the ways and wiles of both good and bad dollar management are cleverly and forthrightly set down in this collection of financial maxims. Using an entertaining, easy format, the author offers some sound advice that could help you hang on to whatever money you have.

—Grail Hanford

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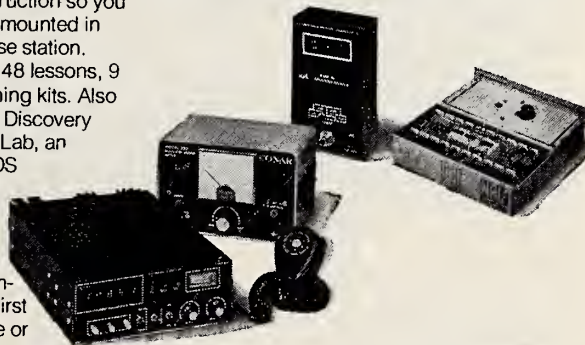
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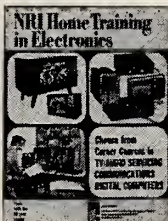


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## The Commander's Message

# Unionism Would Threaten Military Chain of Command

**A**LL our threats are not external.

This fall, while the headlines and television news time went to candidates for national office, a major union voted to raise \$13,000 a month "war chest" to unionize members of the Armed Forces.

The American Legion is flatly, unalterably, vehemently opposed to *any* such action by *any* organization and I have called upon our National Legislative Division in Washington to insist that Congress ban such activity.

The American Legion is not anti-union. The American Legion is pro-American.

It is unthinkable that any influence should be allowed to interrupt the military chain of command in an electronic-nuclear age when every policy, every strategy, every tactic is based upon instant response to danger.

Some of our European allies have tasted the fruits of military unionism. Capable, experienced officers have resigned rather than face the humiliation of shop steward's meetings. Raw recruits have challenged military commands and disciplines. Men in uniform have become enmeshed in the politics of trade unionism. The involvement of Portugal's armed forces with leftist unions played a major role in that country's recent unrest that brought down one government and threatened its role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Last June, 54 left-wing Labor Members of Parliament ignored their party leaders and voted to allow trade unions in the British armed forces. The move failed, but this threat cannot be allowed in the military forces of the United States!

We are embarked on a new era in our services—the "all volunteer force." The results, to date, are encouraging. Realistic pay scales, guaranteed benefits, intelligent appreciation of the sacrifices in service life and the continued dedication of servicemen and women can all contribute to a capable, professional force.

As new weapons and sophisticated equipment reduce the need for enormous manpower, we are maintaining a nucleus of global military power without conscription or selective service. Every parent in peacetime America can be thankful that this shadow has been lifted. But it must not be replaced by the menacing shadow of military unionism.

The Constitution charges Congress with responsibility to "raise the Army" and the other services. It charges the President with the responsibilities of Commander-in-Chief. He carries out those responsibilities through the chain of command in the Defense

Department, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Nothing and no one can be allowed to break that chain. The life of this nation could depend on it. There is no place in it for strikes, slowdowns, shop meetings, pay bargaining, NLRB elections, et cetera. Legitimate as these tools are in industry-union relations, they are and must continue to be illegitimate in the Armed Forces.

I know we have laws on the books that bar strikes or slowdowns against the Government; but I know, too, that these laws have been enforced only intermittently. Various courts view them in different contexts. Strikes by police and firemen have plagued many cities.

Doubt is intolerable when national security is involved.

Some argue that today's serviceman is in uniform not because of patriotism, but because he wants a good job, and therefore, he should be allowed to organize and unionize. Nonsense.

The Supreme Court ruled more than 20 years ago that military law "is that of obedience. No question can be left open as to the right of command in the officer or the duty of obedience in the soldier."

Last March the Court held that "a military organization is not constructed along democratic lines and military activities cannot be governed by democratic procedures. Military institutions are necessarily far more authoritarian; military decisions cannot be made by vote of the interested participants."

But if the military sacrifices some rights, Congress and Government have obligations. There are too many complaints from career military men and women that their benefits and entitlements are being eroded. When the magazine *U.S. News and World Report* recently aired this issue, an active duty serviceman responded bitterly:

"We never needed unions in the past because Congress was always there to watch out for and protect us."

Congress can never "abandon" those in uniform.

*William J. Rogers*



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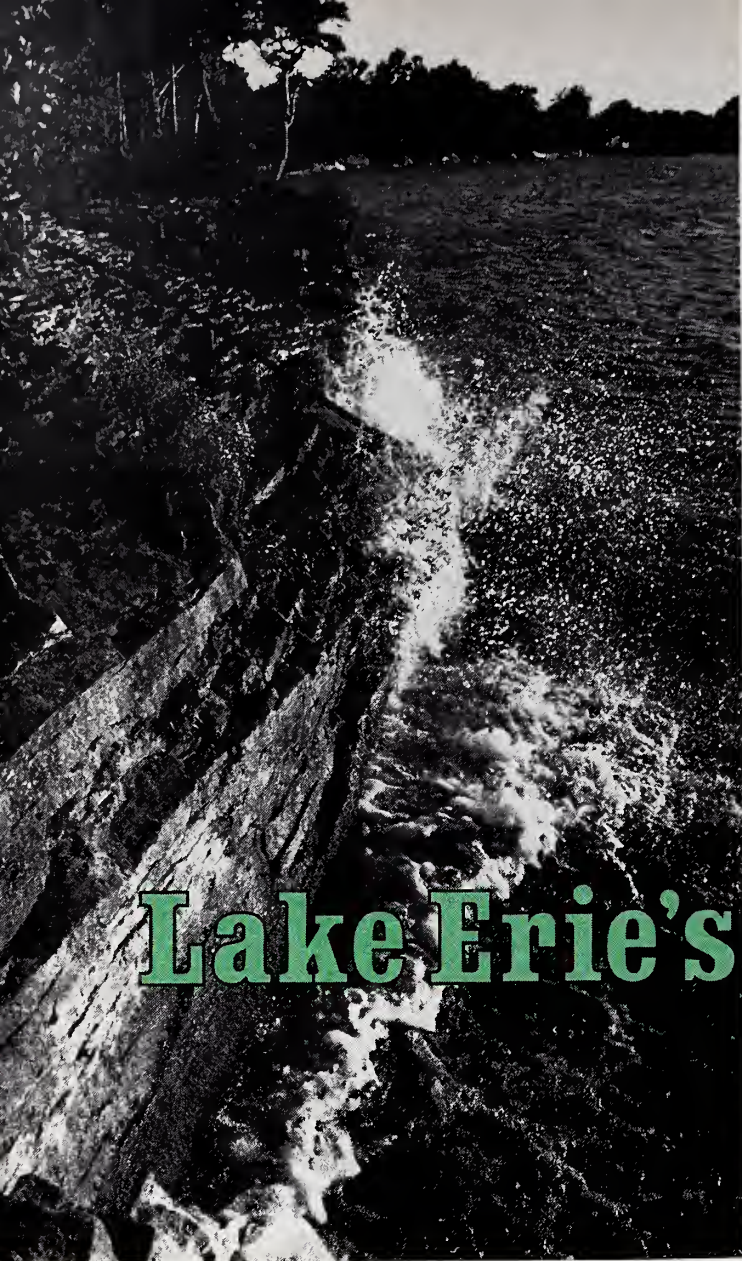
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# Lake Erie's Islands

Rocky shoreline of Kelly's Island, Doric column that commemorates Adm. Perry's 1813 victory, picturesque lighthouse

on Bass Island and turn-of century Victorian-style home all reflect charm and appeal of Lake Erie's surprising islands

**I**T WAS 1813 when Oliver Hazard Perry first sailed his flagship *Lawrence* into the harbor on South Bass Island in Lake Erie. He had maneuvered his nine ships past the British encampment at Erie in Pennsylvania and as he entered the beautiful natural harbor, he knew the

## Off The Highway

British would soon come for him.

The Americans spent nearly a month on the Erie Islands before the British Admiral Barclay came with six warships to challenge Perry. The battle went so badly at first that Perry abandoned his wrecked ship. Four-fifths of his crew was dead when Perry took the survivors in a rowboat to the nearby *Niagara* to continue the fight. Only a few hours later, Perry penned his immortal

lines, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours."

In the harbor where Perry once waited anxiously for the British warships, the little village of Put-In Bay has grown up. Summer tourists walk barefoot on wooden piers past rows of cabin cruisers, sailboats and yachts and listen to the slap-slap of water on wood. Many of the island's houses are colorful gingerbread confections dating back to the "Roaring Twenties" when, it's said, natural caverns on the island served as speakeasies. Purple grapes grow in sunny fields on the Erie Islands and visitors can tour three wineries and enjoy fine Ohio wine, some of it sold only on the islands.

There are three Bass islands, and to the east, Kelly's Island. All have deep glacial grooves that have attracted scientists. Kelly's Island is noted for unusual rock formations.

One hundred years after Perry's victory at the Battle of Lake Erie, the people of Ohio built a centennial memorial at Put-In Bay—the world's largest Doric column, 352 feet high. An elevator inside the column was added later so people could enjoy the view from the top, including a glimpse of Canada only five miles away. The 25-acre site around the column makes up one of the country's smallest national parks.

Visitors can reach the Erie Islands by private boat, ferry boats from Catawba Point or Port Clinton or by airplane. All the islands have airstrips. Island Airlines, based at Port Clinton, flies one of the last Ford Trimotor planes still in use.

Tourist information on the Erie Islands can be obtained by writing the Park Superintendent, P.O. Box 78, Put-In Bay, OH 43465.

—Theresa Welsh



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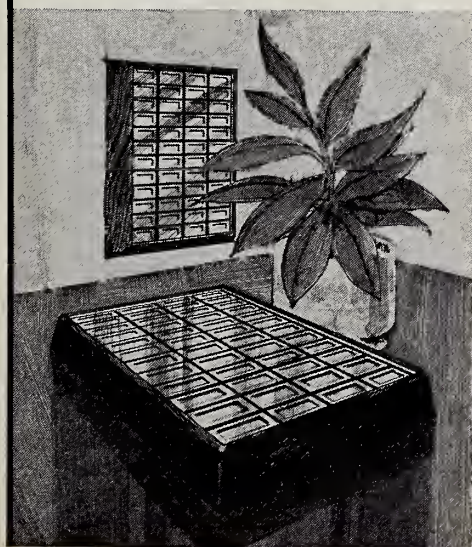
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# Is America's Next Frontier Back Home?



Palm Springs resort typifies "good life" so many sought in modern West

By NEIL MORGAN

**A**BOUT 20 YEARS AGO, Americans began to suspect that something extraordinary was happening along their West Coast. After a scholarly two-day conference in 1957 at the seaside retreat of Carmel, Calif., novelist Wallace Stegner wrote that there was "from Seattle to San Diego a tremendous stir, a great swell of energy and optimism and creativity," and concluded that the West was not merely contributing regionally to the national culture. "We *are* the national culture, at its most energetic end . . . not a region but the mainstream, America, only more so," he wrote.

That was in the midst of the largest migration in the history of the world, one that quickly made California the most populous state in the country, the state most regularly poked at, probed and dissected by both experts and amateurs. In 1963 I wrote a book called "Westward Tilt." It stood for a few years as a signpost to the social, economic and political upheavals caused by this new regional power. Then the timeliness of the book was toppled by Californians' revulsion for the excesses that it had forecast.

In the most recent, swaggering years of California dominance, the significant theme has been the effort of many of its people to retreat from bigness. In San Diego, suddenly the nation's ninth largest city, Mayor

Pete Wilson has been elected twice by large majorities on his pledge to do all he can to *limit* his city's growth. The town of Petaluma went to the courts to sustain its right to limit the number of new housing units built each year. The *Wunder-kind* governor of California, Jerry Brown, has profound questions, but few answers. He insists that small is beautiful, that we must accept new limitations to our lives and dreams and face up to the end of California growth.

More recently there has been attention given to Kirkpatrick Sale's book "Power Shift," which seems to Californians somewhat nostalgic. It argues the concept of a Southern Rim stretching across the southern U.S. from North Carolina through Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, the Las Vegas tip of Nevada and California. Within this Southern Rim, Sale points out, population has doubled since the end of World War II from 40 to 80 million people. Its boom is sustained by oil, defense and leisure industries, agri-business, real estate and advanced technology. The author articulates the region's economic muscle in terms long used within California. If the Southern Rim were an independent nation, he writes, its Gross National Product would exceed that of any country other than the Soviet Union, with the exception of the United States itself.

More than the vocabulary is fa-

miliar to Westerners. About one-fourth of the population of the Southern Rim is contained within California, and Californians long delighted in pointing out that their own gross product exceeds that of all but four or five nations.

The major difference is that now those statistics seem repugnant to many Californians who are intent on getting out of California to the green forests and unpolluted coastlines of less crowded Oregon and Washington, or retreating from teeming California cities to the less hectic pace of Tucson and Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Denver. So far it is a withdrawal expressed primarily in holiday travel. Those who are retired are more prone to move away from California cities, but with all its unemployment, California remains the setting for 8.5 million jobs. Not many of us can afford the luxury of exercising totally free choice; we live where our work is, and the only way that the West Coast or the Southern Rim drains population from the Midwest and the Northeast is to drain jobs.

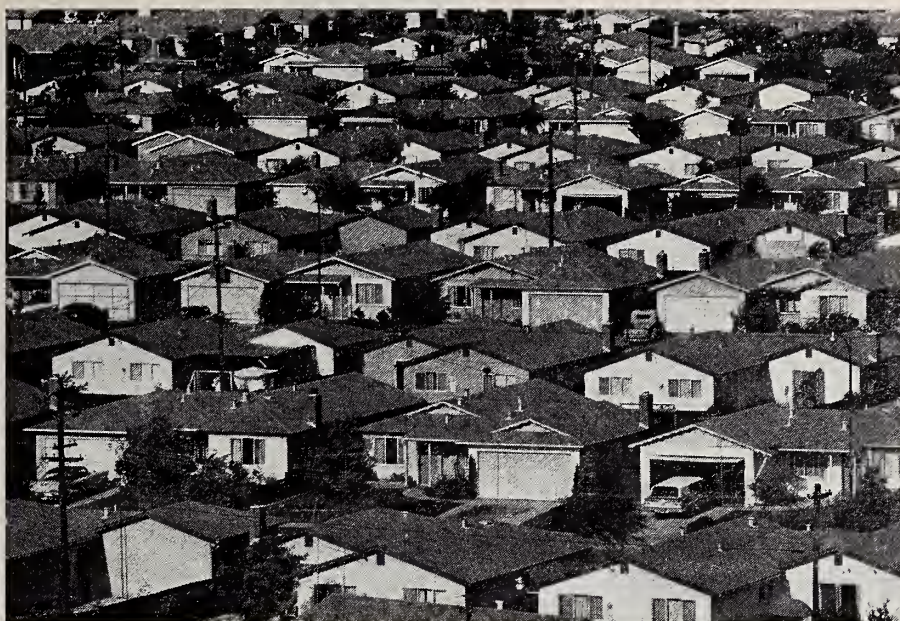
This has been happening at an accelerated pace since World War II, when conventional regionalism was shattered in America. In the goings and comings of military service, young Americans saw a lot of their country and, it appears, millions of them decided that they would prefer, if possible, to live somewhere other than where they had been



living. Those somewheres usually have been associated with two factors of geography: coastline and sunshine. So it was that California was catapulted, in postwar migration, from 10 to 20 million persons. Then, as its economic machine began to flash the overload signal, boom times came in Atlanta, Houston, Dallas and Phoenix—all in the sun belt that is part of the newly defined Southern Rim.

In both the westward tilt of the 1950's and 1960's and the Southern Rim growth of the 1970's, the flip side of the story has concerned the withering of prosperity in much of the Midwest and Northeast. Urban scholars have been tempted to lay fault for the decline of cities in these regions to in-migration of unskilled minorities. It is clear that its welfare burden has figured in New York's financial debacle. But Chicago has survived large minority in-migration without default. Atlanta, with heavy minority population, both native and in-migrant, is the success story of the South. In Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, minority populations are comparable with those of Northeast cities; further, they are primarily the result of in-migration during the past 30 years.

So the minorities must not bear the main burden for the decline in prosperity and power of cities in the Midwest and Northeast. Nationwide rises in affluence, leisure and mobility have made it realistically possible for millions of Americans to pursue their goal of life amid the amenities of coastal cities and



Sameness of California subdivisions is often criticized

sunshine cities. Industry has been sensitive to this movement; it has fostered it in a variety of ways that have not been altogether understood by Americans.

The American film industry that began in New York moved to California for sunlight and open space. At Phoenix, Motorola factories and their employees have come *in toto* from Chicago. At Boise, Id., a succession of newcomers from the Harvard Business School established the Boise Cascade Corporation.

Government, too, has had a hand in this population shift. Research and development contracts were awarded to the think tanks and laboratories of the West Coast in such numbers that most of the technology that took man to the moon evolved in California—before Lyndon Johnson prevailed to deploy NASA facilities in Houston, thus signaling the transition in federal contract emphasis from West to South. But still corporate headquarters picked up and took their people where they wanted to live: firms like Wickes Corporation from Saginaw, Mich., to San Diego, and Greyhound from Chicago to Phoenix, Ariz. Smart corporate headhunters and personnel chiefs had learned the lure of coastline and sunshine. Rapid communications and the computer worked to minimize distance between some left-behind assembly line and the glass-walled offices where the more privileged employees went to work in the West or South.

Yet another strong but little observed factor mitigates against the Northeast and, to some extent, the Midwest. Back in 1915, American economist Thorstein Veblen observed

that 19th century Germany had gained an advantage over Great Britain by its late start in industrialization. Germany was able to apply new technological innovations, and profit by the experience of older industrial economies. In the same way, the tardiness of industrialization in the Pacific states in the mid-20th century ruled out, for a while, the inertia of tradition and provoked the search for new methods, new products and new marketing techniques.

In a very real sense there is logic to that old joke about the foreign ruler whose only hope for economic salvation was to declare war against the United States and to lose. The

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San Francisco skyline reflects continuing vitality of Western cities

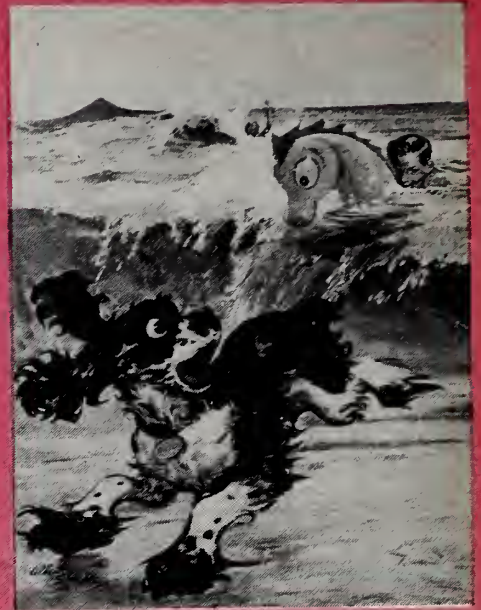


Footprints of movie stars recall heyday of film industry that glamorized the West





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Al Staehle, center, gave us Smokey the Bear, Butch and lots of memories

# He Gave Us Smokey The Bear

**A**LBERT STAEHLE was my husband. His name may not mean much to the average person, but any schoolchild knows his "Smokey the Bear."

For over 50 years Al Staehle, Smokey's creator, painted illustrations that have become part of Americana and have found a place in the hearts of animal lovers everywhere. This is my tribute to him.

Al came from a long line of artists. His father, an American illustrator who painted for Currier

and Ives, was studying art in Munich, Germany when he met and married the daughter of the Court Painter to the Royal House of Bavaria. Albert was born in Germany to American citizenship in 1899.

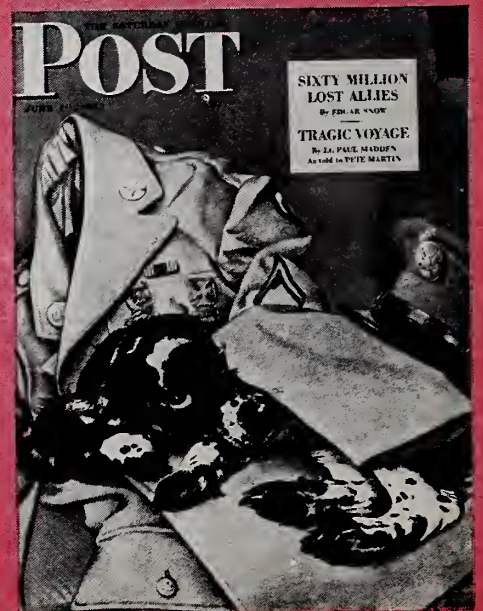
"I started to draw as soon as I could hold a pencil," he said.

Success came early. In 1918, he entered a poster competition. His picture of a cow feeding her calf a bottle of milk and saying, "Nothing's Too Good For My Baby" won the first prize by public vote (not the

advertising hierarchy). The Borden Company was working on an idea so similar that they bought Al's picture to protect patent rights. The idea evolved into Elsie the Cow.

After that he had all the work he could handle; the swan for the soap of the same name, rabbits, birds, tigers, monkeys, a gorilla, bears and numerous cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. All peered out from national advertisements on posters, billboards and magazines all over the United

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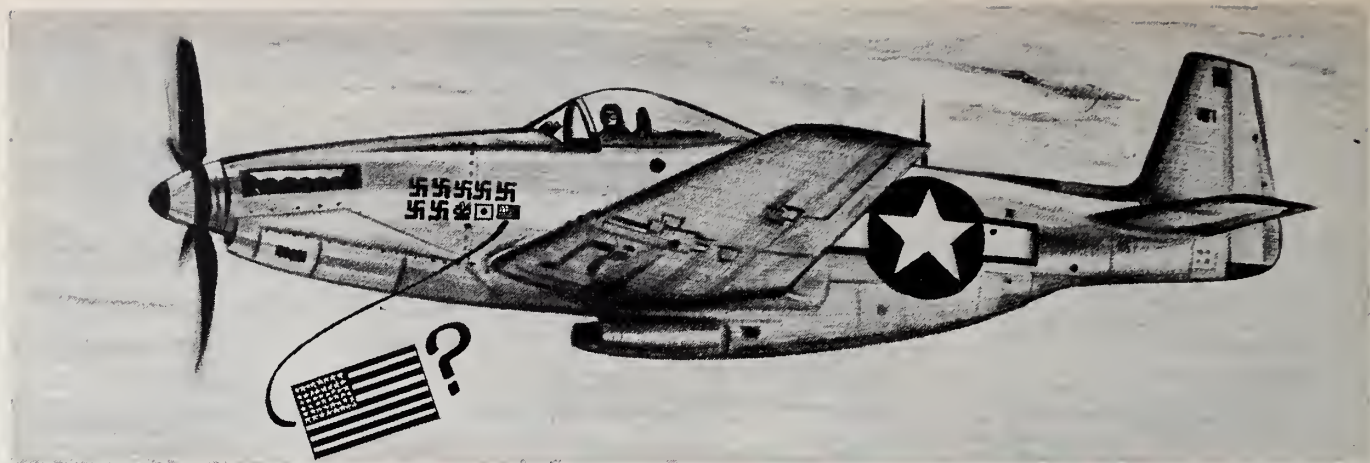
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# HE COULDN'T DO THAT!

## U.S. Ace Shot Down U.S. Plane—And Got a Medal

By GEN. GEORGE C. KENNEY

**O**N February 10, 1945, one of my fighter pilots deliberately shot down an American C-47 plane carrying 12 crewmen and passengers, including two U. S. Army nurses, in the China Sea about 180 miles north of the island of Luzon in the Philippines. It was not a case of mistaken identity. The fighter pilot knew it was an American plane when he opened fire on it.

I awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross for his action.

For the month past, we'd been bombing every military target we could find on the island of Formosa, which at that time was completely held by the Japanese. Air fields, factories, oil storages, railroads, bridges, power plants and shipping had been subjected to daily attacks. We were running out of targets, so I ordered one more reconnaissance sweep of the island by a flight of fighters.

In addition, I asked them to look over the islands of the Bataan group about halfway between the southern tip of Formosa and the north coast of Luzon. From decoded intercepts of Japanese messages, our intelligence people believed that the Japs were using a small temporary landing strip on one of the islands for refueling their night flying bombers from Formosa.

That morning, at the field at Mangaldan in Central Luzon, Capt. Louis E. Curdes took off, leading a four-plane element of P-51 "Mustang" fighter planes on the reconnaissance mission I'd ordered. The other three members of the little flight were Lts. Schmidtke, Scalley and La Croix.

The weather was excellent and the

flight to Formosa and the reconnaissance of the southern part of the island were uneventful. No air opposition was encountered and there were only a few scattered and inaccurate bursts of antiaircraft fire during the hours flying over enemy territory.

The flight of four Mustangs left the rocky Formosan coast behind and about 45 minutes later picked up the northernmost of the Bataan chain of islands some 150 miles to the southeast. Curdes and his wingman Schmidtke took over the search of the northern half of the group of islands and Scalley and La Croix were assigned to inspect the southern half.

Every island flown over by Curdes and his wingman turned out to be so peaceful that they began to wonder if the intelligence boys hadn't decoded the wrong Japanese message. Suddenly a voice sounded in Curdes' earphones. It was Scalley calling to say that he and La Croix had located a field on Bataan Island and were attacking it. Curdes said "OK, we're on our way to join you. Save something for us to shoot at."

Just as he and Schmidtke arrived in sight of the Jap field, there was another voice on the radio. It was La Croix. His plane had been hit and he'd collected a bullet in his leg. "The damn ground fire got me," he called excitedly. "The plane is out of control and I'm wounded. I'm bailing out."

Curdes watched the Mustang plunge into the water about three miles offshore to the west and then saw the white parachute blossom a couple of thousand feet above and finally settle down close to where

the P-51 had gone in. Then the little rubber dinghy which formed part of the parachute pack was inflated and La Croix was safely in it. Now someone would have to patrol over him to make sure that the Japs didn't get any funny ideas about capturing the downed American pilot.

Curdes called Scalley and told him to hightail it back to his airdrome and get another flight out to take over, as his fuel supply wouldn't last much longer. Also, to see if a rescue PBV amphibian plane from the neighboring base at Linguyan was available to come out and pick up La Croix. He told Schmidtke to climb to 15,000 feet and broadcast a "Mayday" call for help and then stay up there covering him while he stayed down to keep La Croix company and see that the Japanese didn't try anything.

Just to press home this last point, Curdes now turned his attention to the Jap strip. With all six caliber .50 guns blazing, he raked the area from one end to the other. When he pulled up from the attack everything was quiet.

Suddenly, however, he had another problem on his hands. Out of the afternoon haze to the south appeared an airplane. Was it ours or the enemy's? Curdes quickly climbed to get in firing position. Then he recognized the type. It was a C-47 two-engined unarmed transport plane. Still, it had to be examined as it could be a Japanese copy of the DC-2 that the Douglas Airplane Co. had sold them before the war. As he closed in, Curdes made out the American insignia. He was satisfied that it was one of ours. But what

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by Bob Ferrel

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# The Worlds of Jimmy Carter



**I**N THE fortress-like Pentagon, along carpeted corridors in the State Department, in the forest-circled Central Intelligence Agency, American officers and officials have nervously fingered globes and studied maps for two months, speculating and waiting for the new worlds of President-Elect Jimmy Carter.

In scores of foreign capitals, the scenes have been repeated.

Not since the sudden presidency of Harry S. Truman in 1945 has so little been known about the foreign policy views of a man about to occupy the White House.

But in Truman's case, the new President assumed command of a military-diplomatic team tested in war and poised on the threshold of victory. In most parts of the world the die had been cast by these men and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. True, it was President Truman who had to make the fateful decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan and it fell to him to meet Stalin and Churchill at Potsdam, but events in April of 1945 had taken on a momentum of their own.

President-Elect Carter, the Naval Academy graduate and former nu-

clear submarine officer, comes to Washington at a very different moment. It is a moment of pause in many parts of the world; a crossroads. The patterns set by World War II are beginning to change. In regions like southern Africa and the Middle East, the pause is ominous. In the Far East and Europe unresolved conflicts are blurred by detente and diplomacy. In Latin America insistent demands for change are inter-laced with anti-American propaganda and menacing extremism, yet Mr. Carter will hear strong suggestions for a normaliza-



tion of relations with Fidel Castro's Cuba, compromise on the American role in the Panama Canal Zone and new social-economic offensives reminiscent of President John F. Kennedy's "Alliance for Progress."

Foreign policy played second-fiddle to domestic issues in the 1976 presidential campaign. Yet many voters gasped when Mr. Carter declared that he would not commit American forces should the Soviet Union decide that once Marshal Tito dies it would employ force to bring Yugoslavia back into the Moscow orbit. And more gasped when Carter suggested that the United States should withdraw nuclear arms from the defense of South Korea and begin a step-by-step phaseout of American garrisons in that country.

Carter indicates he will rethink these positions.

Any suggestion of withdrawal from South Korea, observers point out, would force Japan to reappraise its own strategic position which is now based on U.S. nuclear strength and the American Security Treaty.

The Yugoslav issue touches the heart of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and always-delicate relations with the satellite states of eastern Europe.

The mere suggestion of Soviet military action against a post-Tito Yugoslav regime causes deep concern in Turkey, Greece, Romania, Hungary, Austria and Italy.

That concern was not eased by President Ford's campaign attempt to rationalize away Soviet domination of Poland and other eastern European states. While it is true that many of the satellite countries have maneuvered for themselves a semblance of diplomatic independence from Moscow and some economic latitude, all are still firmly enmeshed in the Warsaw Pact and solidly integrated into the Soviet military command—particularly in the event of any confrontation with the West.

Conservative Europeans worry about neo-isolationism. The leading conservative West German newspaper "Die Welt" raised the question in an editorial immediately after the election:

"The Bicentennial year campaign in the United States was not the urgently needed national and international reckoning . . . In foreign politics it means that the power fated to lead the free world will go on letting the reins drag.

"And so the isolationists on both sides of the Atlantic scent the dawn . . . In Europe false prophets are already calling out for dissolution of the Atlantic alliance, for the shaking

off of the American 'tutelage. . .'

"Not the dissolution but the strengthening of the Western alliance must at this hour be the slogan for the states of Europe."

The attitudes in an increasingly conservative West Germany are paramount to the maintenance of NATO defenses in Europe. Equally important will be Mr. Carter's reaction to Britain's financial crisis. Seeing the pound plummet in value, London has urgently asked the International Monetary Fund for loans to stabilize its currency. The loans are probably essential to the survival of the Labor government that is staggering under the weight of accumulated welfare costs, declining productivity and inflation.

Concern that Mr. Carter's "jobs

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now" program in the United States may increase the rate of American inflation and thus encourage worldwide inflation adds to counter evaluations.

The President-Elect also is being pressed for an early statement on the Rhodesian-South African dilemma. As a candidate he remained aloof from Dr. Henry Kissinger's late 1976 African offensive that brought about the Geneva conference with black leaders and a commitment by Rhodesia's President Ian Smith to establish majority rule within two years.

Mr. Carter did not criticize Dr. Kissinger's initiatives, but he left a strong impression that he would take a less active role in the thorny racial problems of southern Africa.

The course of events in South Africa could be crucial to the Carter administration. South Africa now guards the vital sealanes past Cape-town—the highway of Middle East oil bound for the United States and the highway for American goods to the Arabs states.

South Africa's role in the Indian Ocean is equally important. The Soviets have already penetrated the

northern littoral. Iran has tried to insulate and dominate the Persian Gulf. The Rhodesian crisis could inflame much of East Africa. Confronted with this situation, Carter must evaluate the future of the tiny American base at Diego Garcia, the British-owned island that sits almost in the center of the Indian Ocean and which offers the only visible American power base.

The oil that flows from Saudi Arabia, Iran and the other Arab states across the Indian Ocean has become perhaps the No. 1 factor in assessing the American economy. As this article is written, the world's oil-producing nations are considering another price increase. If it approaches the threatened 10 per cent, industrial economies in the United States, Japan and Western Europe would be jolted severely.

And in the shadows of the oil problem lurks the ever-explosive Israeli-Arab problem in the Middle East. Cautious, dollar-oriented Saudi Arabia has engineered, with Egypt and Syria, an end to the Lebanese civil war. For the foreseeable future, Lebanon has been relegated to its pre-World War II status as a mandate or appendage of Syria.

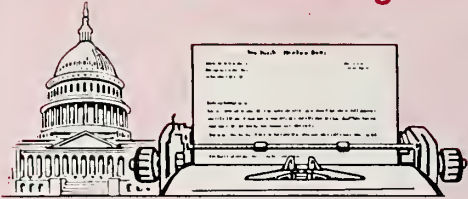
In the short term this appears to quiet the Middle East, but in the months ahead the consolidation of Syrian power on the north and insistent Egyptian and Jordanian territorial demands on the east and south could bring new tension to Israel. American support in November for a UN resolution criticizing Israeli rule in occupied Arab territories stung Jerusalem. During the campaign President Ford and Mr. Carter sought to outdo each other in their pledges of support for Israel. Mr. Ford authorized new missile subs. Now it is Mr. Carter who inherits the still knotted Mideast dilemma.

Both candidates also sought to assure voters that they would defend the status quo in the Panama Canal, but Dr. Kissinger was actively campaigning for a revised treaty with Panama and a retreat from the traditional U.S. claim of sovereignty over the canal. The same pressures Dr. Kissinger felt will now be directed against Mr. Carter and his Secretary of State. It is not an easy problem. U.S. involvement is emotional; the Cuban involvement is at least implicit; and many Latin American countries will judge the Carter Administration on the basis of its approach to Panama. Before the election, more than one-third of the Senate went on record against any diminution of U.S. authority, but the voters upset this equation. Now it is

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## Dateline Washington . . .



## CAN CARTER WIN CONGRESS? PRISONER EXCHANGE WITH MEXICO! SENATE POWER STRUGGLE IS ON.

For the first time in eight years, the Democrats will not only have a large majority in both chambers of Congress, but also will have their nominee sitting in the White House. But it would be a mistake to assume that bliss will now reign.

The Democrats rule on Capitol Hill, it is true; but on many upcoming issues, the conservative or liberal philosophy of the legislators will determine the fate of President Carter's proposals on taxes, employment, health programs, etc. Although Jimmy Carter swept the solid South, most legislators from this region can be expected, as in the past, to join Republican conservatives on a number of key measures.

Can Jimmy Carter display the political style and finesse needed to win over enough conservatives and liberals to support his programs?

Although relations between the United States and Mexico worsened during the past two years, an unprecedented tentative agreement has been reached between the two countries involving an exchange of prisoners.

The plan would permit U.S.-citizen convicts in Mexico to be exchanged for Mexicans imprisoned in the United States, to complete their sentences in their own country.

If President Carter approves the exchange, the Senate also must ratify the agreement by two-thirds votes. The program could be scuttled if the courts should decide that under the Constitution returned prisoners can not be detained in U.S. jails as the result of a trial in another country.

Before the Senate can get around to considering and acting on any legislative proposals by incoming President Carter, it must resolve an internal struggle for power. The ensuing maneuvering could result in weeks of delay in any new Administration programs.

Perhaps the key issue inside the Senate is a move to reorganize the traditional

committee pattern. Backers of the move seek to reduce Senate committees from 31 to 15, subcommittees from 174 to 100.

Rare, however, is the committee or subcommittee chairman willing to give up his post without a fight. Also, supporters inside and outside Congress will battle to prevent the proposed elimination of such Committees as Veterans Affairs, Small Business, Space, among others, whose activities would be absorbed by the 15 surviving Committees.

### PEOPLE & QUOTES

#### TERRORIST NUKES

"Increasingly the nuclear technology will be accessible to more sophisticated private terrorist groups." Zbigniew Brzezinski, foreign policy advisor.

#### FREE SYSTEM IDEAS

"The best thinking comes out of a free system, where good ideas are rewarded and bad ones penalized." G. William Miller, chairman, Textron Inc.

#### CORPORATE COMPLAINT

"... the more successful the enterprise is in supplying the real needs of the world's people, the louder become the voices of protest. Often, nationalism is used as the stick to beat a world corporation." Walter B. Wriston, chairman, Citicorp.

#### CHINA OUTLOOK

"There is little chance in the foreseeable future China will become a superpower in the class of the United States and the Soviet Union." Lt. Gen. Samuel V. Wilson, director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

#### WHITHER INDIA?

"If there are no civil liberties and no dissent, then where is the democracy we fought for?" Vijaya Pandit, aunt of India's Prime Minister Gandhi.

#### PRAISE FROM U.K.

"For Britain, the U.S. is the world's greatest democracy." Anthony Crosland, British Cabinet member.

#### MORALITY'S EBB

"Especially in international affairs, morality is at a low ebb. The ideas of Machiavelli that physical force and craft instead of right and moral principles were the essential bases for political actions have received wider acceptance than ever before." Ambassador James Shen, free China.

#### MORE SHOE LEATHER

"Walking will be the transportation mode of the future. . . . What we need is to break the chains of enslavement to the automobile—make it a recreational vehicle in the true sense." Brian Ketchum, architect.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS BULWARK

"Where there is no press freedom, generally you will find human rights are not being defended as they should be." Aga Khan, UN high commissioner for refugees.



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45-54	14,520	12,100	9,680	7,260	4,840	2,420
55-59	7,920	6,600	5,280	3,960	2,640	1,320
60-64	5,280	4,400	3,520	2,640	1,760	880
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# Hitler's Forgotten Army

By JAMES A. FLANAGAN

**E**MPIRE ROAD 50 still echoes after 35 years to the tramp of boots and growling engines of Hitler's Elite Mountain Corps Norway. It's not difficult to imagine June 22, 1941 when its columns waited near Finnish border posts. Officers pace in silence; men settle down to grumble, smoke and tell bad jokes; or just sit, lost in thought. They're a long way from their native Austria. Then, at exactly 0231 hours, border barriers fall. Orders crack through chill, night air, "Forward!"

Everywhere that cold dawn, from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea, German might strikes at Russia. Mountain Corps Norway is Hitler's left hook.

Finnish scouts and Austrian Jagers plunge into a desert of stone: Dunes of fragmented rock roll away to the horizon. They trudge through snow filled craters, climb over great chunks of glittering granite and ford dozens of foamy torrents ripping narrow channels to the sea. Nothing grows here; life has fled.

A ghost wafer glows through murky twilight: the midnight sun. They struggle ahead, like divers on seabottom. Why does Germany need this God forsaken land?

Their Commander, Gen. Edward Dietl, knows the answer. He remembers all too clearly his meeting with Hitler two months before in Berlin. An Arctic map sprawls across a table in the Reich Chancellery. As Dietl watches, Hitler jabs at it with his index finger. "Murmansk is the most

dangerous deployment center of the Russians in the extreme north," he cries . . . "a modern fortified center, a dangerous stronghold in the thinly populated territory along the Arctic Ocean."

The Führer fears that from Murmansk Stalin can overrun vital ore mines near Petsamo in Finland and Narvik in occupied Norway. Those minerals feed German war production.

Light sparkles off Hitler's gilt glasses as he demands: "You've got to manage those ridiculous 60 miles from Petsamo to Murmansk with your Mountain Jagers and put an end to the threat. Finland will be glad to help." (Russia had dismembered her in the 1940 Winter War. Finland's government had promised to cooperate in the German attack.)

Dietl fears this campaign. Outside the Chancellory windows Berlin gardens stir in April sunshine. The city stretches in the warmth of Spring. How can its people understand his Arctic?

Bluntly, Dietl opposes Hitler. He and his Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. von Le Suire know their resources are hopelessly inadequate for the mission.

"My Führer, the landscape up there in the tundra outside Murmansk is just as it was after the creation. There's not a tree, not a shrub, not a human settlement . . . in winter there's ice, snow and it's 40 to 50 degrees below. Icy gales rage throughout the eight months of Arctic night."

This is a simple, direct fighting

man—the kind of officer Hitler sometimes listens to.

"Leave me your papers," he says. "I'll think it over."

But events overpower caution. In May final orders land on Dietl's desk: Advance and conquer Murmansk. There is no option.

Dietl studies his predicament. Both divisions lack men and equipment. Even with support and service elements attached he only musters 27,500 men. In all northern Finland Luftflotte V has barely 60 aircraft. Naval support is refused until after Murmansk falls. His supply line is almost non-existent.

Against him stands Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, Commander of Soviet Northwest Front with two Finland-tested divisions in formidable defensive works that dominate the ocean flank and with 10 to one air superiority.

And this is only an outer crust. A highway connects frontier positions to Murmansk and from there rail nets spread south and east.

Against these odds, Dietl launches his march across Finland. The nickel mines at Petsamo are secured and Germans glimpse a rarity. In Petsamo's River Valley grass grows, even a few stunted trees: The Arctic's concession to 40 days of high summer.

A week later, his Jagers crouch in jump-off positions along Russia's own border. Morning fog boils in off the ocean. At 0300 assault troops rise; slip forward like shadows through the haze.

In 2nd Division's zone, the 136th



Regiment seals off Fisherman's Peninsula, then pushes toward Titovka. The 137th covers its right flank. All is quiet. With grunts and muffled curses, Gen. Schlemmer's men struggle across jumbles of boulders and around depressions filled with stagnant water. They storm Titovka from the mist. No opposition. Patrols thrust East, find an NKVD camp and two airfields, both deserted. Then explosions and small arms fire shatter the silence—from the south. Russians!

A string of pillboxes shields Titovka River. Germans infiltrate but Siberians refuse to budge even when surrounded. Flame throwers roast emplacements; grenades blow out strongpoints. Survivors fight on with bayonet and knife. Russians bypassed dig in and wait. Later special assaults have to literally pry them from their caves.

Further south, General Kreysing's 3rd Division reaches the river without incident. They pile into rubber dinghies and paddle across through murky twilight.

But when his men cross the Titovka there are no roads. The maps are wrong; Dietl can't sustain his two division front. His 3rd Division swings north behind 2nd Division's right flank and the two push on to Litsa River.

Meanwhile, 2nd Division scouts probe east of Litsa. Then they see it: A fine new road south across a nearby valley. Word flies back to Dietl, who redoubles efforts to mount a quick attack. Seize that road, and they will be less than an hour's drive from Murmansk—only 28 miles!

Men replace mules and horses. Jaggers stumble under heavy shells strapped to bent backs while light artillery pieces are manhandled forward. Raw, bloody hands pull and shove wagons ahead. Two-thirds of Dietl's men now haul supplies to Litsa River.

On July 6, engineers start to ferry troops across near the bridge. Russian artillery fire slams at crossing points. Geysers of water spew up; dinghies overturn. Men splash helplessly in frigid water. Ground attack aircraft roar in.

"Where is the Luftwaffe?" shout Dietl's men.

Its few dozen planes are far south, supporting a German force near Salla.

Somehow three German Battalions get across and plunge inland. Truckloads of Russians roar up the road, dismount, and hurl themselves at German bridgeheads. All day men fight and die for control of the road.

A new emergency! Russian de-



German mountain trooper shown in World War II action

stroyers land troops at Litsa Bay. Patchwork forces race north to seal yet another flank. A frustrated Dietl reluctantly pulls his forces back. Most of their Eastern bridgehead is abandoned. Still he determines to try again. His staff lays on a new plan to outflank high ground barring access to the road. But a motorcycle dispatch rider carrying copies of it, rides off into Russian territory by mistake. Scratch one good plan. They make another—set for July 13.

This time Dietl decides to strike with Schlemmer's 2nd Division in a powerdrive through the "Long Lake" sector, then pivot south behind Russian positions checking Kreysing's 3rd Division and press south for Kurik and Traun Lakes. He hopes to disrupt enemy resistance and race toward Murmansk.

The mountain troops surge over Litsa River and hit a line of low hills near "Long Lake." Their attack stalls. On July 18 he calls off his offensive.

Both sides lick their wounds. Jaggers squeeze out Russian beachheads and dig in on the Litsa line.

August comes; decisions must be made. Should Mountain Corps Norway attack or retreat? Hitler rules out withdrawal. There is only one option. Occupied Norway is combed for men. Two regiments move east, special battalions bolster coastal defenses; Reich labor service boys redouble their efforts to hack trails across granite wastes.

Murmansk's importance mushrooms. U-Boat-plagued American and British ships swing around Norway's North Cape and fill its harbor. Planes, tanks, ammunition flood warehouses.

Petsamo is shocked by attacking

Hurricanes from a British carrier. Two German freighters are torpedoed as British submarines strike from Russian bases.

Plans for a new attack at Litsa slow when Hitler demands priority for his nickel and iron ore defenses. But rumors fly that Gen. Schorner's 6th Mountain Division is hurrying north from Greece.

But 6th Division isn't coming—not yet. Enemy cruisers prowl off North Cape; convoys from Norway dare not leave port. Yet trickles of replacements and supplies move overland and Hitler presses Dietl.

Murmansk must fall before winter sets in.

On Sept. 8, Jaggers give their weapons a battle check, curse the rain and launch one more thrust.

Schlemmer's troops, whose emblem is a black elk on a red shield, drive east in "Long Lake" sector. South of them Kreysing's new regiment (388th from Norway) will punch straight across Litsa River, while further south the balance of 3rd Division will strike out behind Traun Lake. After linking up on a new road, the Germans will drive on Murmansk.

This time Stukas are overhead. They fall like hawks on Russian bunkers. Schlemmer's men come in fast; its new regiment (9th SS from Norway) takes Hill 173.7 by storm. New Road is just ahead.

Then—disaster. Fresh Russian units launch reckless counterattacks, press 9th SS back against Hill 173.7, Hitler's pet break. Dietl is disgusted; 2nd Division veterans shift axis to restore order; but momentum is lost and see-saw struggles rage from boulder to boulder. For over a

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# GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MILL

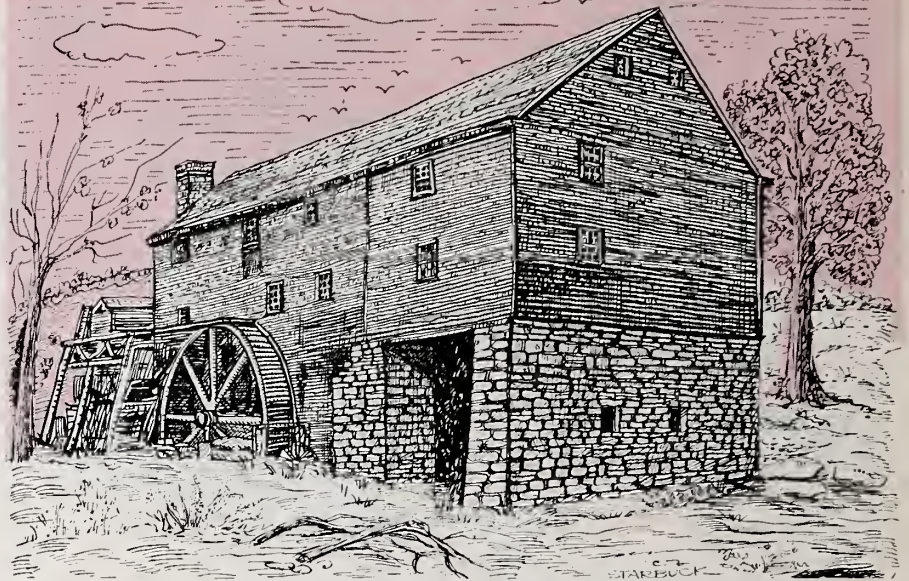
**I**T MAY WELL BE that the nation's Bicentennial year is the beginning, not the end, of the nation's interest in the men and monuments of American life two centuries ago.

Perryopolis, PA, is a case in point.

George Washington once owned the southwestern Pennsylvania land on which Perryopolis now stands and he built a gristmill that was the 18th century equivalent of an industrial park. It included a flour mill, a "fulling mill" that set dyes and shrunk fabric, a bakery and a distillery.

Since 1966, the residents of Perryopolis (population 2,000) have dreamed of restoring that mill as a tribute to their past. Washington surveyed 1,643 acres, of which Perryopolis is the center. He then designed a town plan which eventually was carried out in 1814 when the town was laid out and was named after Admiral Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the Battle of Lake Erie.

For 10 years funds from an annual town festival have been earmarked for restoration of the mill which stands on the Youghiogheny River. The Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission chipped in \$10,000 for



Sketch of Washington's grist mill now being restored

research and planning. The Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, the Fayette County commissioners and local residents added financial support. Work is now under way to restore the mill.

Plans call for restoration of the entire complex, development of a

tourist center that will sell bread, stone-ground flour, cornmeal and other colonial delicacies. Wooden mill machinery from Washington's era was discovered in West Virginia and will be installed in the mill.

Authorities estimate that the project will take five or six years.

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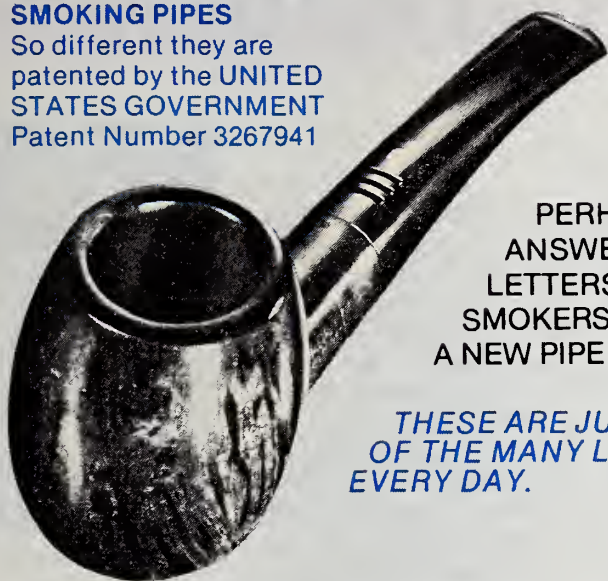
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Opposing Views by Congressmen on The Question . . .

# Does U.S. Need the Occupational

**T**he Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 was enacted by the Congress in order to assure safe and healthful working conditions for the more than 60 million American workers in over 5 million work-places nationwide. It is a landmark achievement in the field of health and safety.

The National Labor Relations Act protected the basic *right* of the worker to organize and bargain collectively; the Fair Labor Standards Act provided a *right* to a basic minimum wage to protect against economic exploitation, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act protects a worker's *right* to life and health.

Is there any doubt that America's workers are entitled to safety and health protection on the job? Our workers spend an average of 40 hours a week in some of the most polluted, physically hazardous and physically damaging environments imaginable.

Silent suffering has never made headlines. We now know, for example, that tens of thousands of coal miners suffer a slow death as a result of exposure to minute airborne particles of coal dust. We have recently examined, through hearings held by the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation and Health and Safety, the poisoning of workers exposed to the chemical "Kepone" in Hopewell, VA, and the serious effects on worker's health of occupational exposure to lead. It is simply a fact of the modern industrial process that our workers find their lives and health endangered while earning a livelihood. We know that over 14,000 persons are killed every year at work; that there are over 10 million workers injured every year; that even by conservative estimates work accidents cost this country \$10 billion a year.

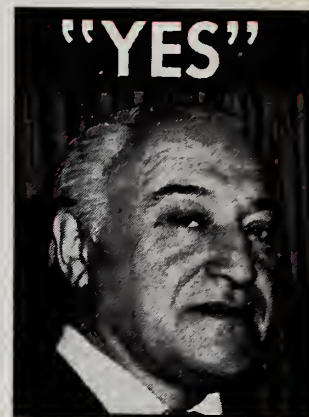
It is difficult to conceive that our great country

could, for so many years, ignore the plight of its workers. But it happened. OSHA (and the administering agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) was the long-awaited and much needed response to this appalling situation.

There are of course problems which the law and the administration of the law have presented.

But with hard work and diligence these problems can be solved. OSHA represents an admirable purpose of American government and offers a comprehensive, fair and reasonable approach to the safety and health of our working men and women.

This legislation was designed to make a real impact on the menace of the workplace. The law was passed only after the most convincing testimony for its need was produced. We should support the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in its efforts to fairly and effectively enforce this vital legislation.

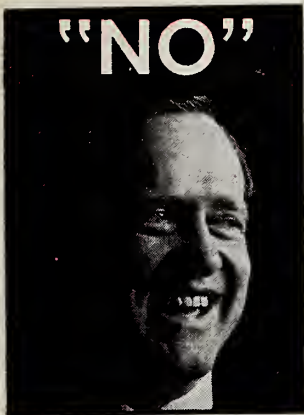


Rep. Dominick V. Daniels  
(D-NJ)

**If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this**



# Safety and Health Administration?



Sen. James A. McClure  
(R-ID)

**L**et's set the record straight:

1) We are all in favor of safety;

2) We all agree that each employer must make his place of business as free of hazards as he reasonably can. Indeed, for the sheer efficiency of their operation, most will do so of their own accord.

3) We agree that em-

ployees and unions must cooperate in efforts to make the work place safe.

Do we need the Occupational Safety and Health Administration? No, and most certainly not in its present form. Never before in the history of this country has a government agency been given such tyrannical power over individuals in the pursuit of their everyday business.

Experience has taught us that bad safety laws can do as much harm as no laws at all. They can close down businesses, undermine the economy and put people out of work—to say nothing of drastically raising the prices of consumer goods. Take for example a few counterproductive OSHA experiences from my own state of Idaho:

A \$6,000 fine because an employee left a small, temporary obstruction in front of one fire extinguisher;

A businessman assessed \$2,900 for failing to paint the load capacity on a small chain hoist;

A requirement that construction equipment have back-up warning alarms, while construction workers at the same site be required to wear earmuffs

to keep them from hearing loud noises;

An inspector demanding that a "Mom and Pop" store have separate lavatories.

Employers tell me that there is no way they can get advice from OSHA on their premises without running the risk of being fined. If an inspector sees something wrong, he is required to cite it even if the employer agrees to fix it at once.

Rather than offering a constructive solution to safety problems, OSHA has just become another huge bureaucratic boondoggle. The American people are fed up with politicians whose only solution to a problem is to create another monster bureaucracy which produces few results other than piles of paperwork, harassment of employers and workers, higher prices to consumers and loss of jobs. Whenever OSHA forces an employer to close, and this has occurred repeatedly, his employees also are kicked into the unemployment lines—and they are supposed to be the beneficiaries of the law.

Paying a federal bureaucrat \$30,000 a year to warn farmers that wet cow manure might be slippery is a graphic example of how completely ridiculous the OSHA administration has become. OSHA not only costs Americans billions, but it cripples the free enterprise system.

*Jim McClure*



I have read in The American Legion Magazine for January the arguments in PRO & CON: Does U.S. Need the Occupational Safety and Health Administration?

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

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# Veterans Newsletter



**MORE VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE HEALTH SERVICES:** Veterans with service-connected disability ratings of 50 per cent or higher are eligible for free medical care for non-service-connected ailments and injuries, the Veterans Administration says...Formerly, such care was available only to those with at least 80 per cent disability rating...Extended services are provided for in Veterans Omnibus Health Care Act of 1976 (PL-94-581...Law expands "medical services" to include rehabilitative and family health services (when they relate to treatment and training of veterans with service-connected disabilities) and states when dental services may be furnished...Law also extends VA's Civilian Health and Medical Services (CHAMPVA) to dependent survivors of veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities who die of non-service connected causes...Program had been restricted to families of those who died of service-connected disabilities...Priorities for medical services for veterans are established with top priority going to those with service-connected disabilities...Law requires a study be made to determine how to accommodate growing number of elderly veterans in the health care system.

## **NEIL ARMSTRONG GETS NATIONAL VETERANS AWARD AT BIRMINGHAM CEREMONY:**



Legion National Commander William J. Rogers presented the 1976 Distinguished National Veterans Award to Neil A. Armstrong, first man on the moon, at Veterans Day Banquet held in Birmingham, AL,

as part of Regional Veterans Day Observances...Rogers was principle speaker at observances which were started shortly after World War II and have become widely recognized under direction of Legionnaire Raymond Weeks...Shown in photo from left are Rogers, Armstrong and Weeks...In his address, Rogers said "The American Legion played a leading role in restoring Veterans Day to its rightful and meaningful date of November 11."

**TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS MAY HAVE LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS WAIVED:** Veterans having National Service Life Insurance policies issued with beginning of World War II and who become totally disabled before reaching age 65 may be eligible for waiver of premium payments, Veterans Administration says...Total disability must have existed for at least six consecutive months and waiver must be applied for since

it is not automatic, VA cautions...Information and application forms are available at VA offices.

## **WINNERS SELECTED IN 1976 LEGION POST SCRAPBOOK, HISTORY CONTESTS:**



Tirey J. Ford Post 21, Independence, MO, was selected for 1st Award in the 1976 Post Bicentennial Scrapbook History Contest, while Jacob Coppus Post 258, Little Chute, WI, won 1st Award in the 1976 National One-Year Post History Contest...Shown in photo examining entries for contest are National Historian Alton H. Carpenter (NY), left, and American Legion Librarian Tom Hull, at National Headquarters.

**HIGHER INSURANCE BENEFITS CONTINUE:** The 10 per cent across-the-board increase in benefits for holders of American Legion Life Insurance Plan approved last July for remainder of 1976 by the National Executive Committee has been extended through December 31, 1977...Under the increase, for example, Legionnaires under age 30 (26 in Ohio) can get \$11,000 in coverage for only \$24 per year.

**GI BILL CHANGES DON'T AFFECT VA HOME LOAN PROGRAMS:** The Veterans Education and Assistance Act of 1976 does not change GI home loan programs, the Veterans Administration says...Congress specifically ordered continuation of loan guarantees and direct loan programs for peacetime veterans, and those entering service after Dec. 31, 1976 are eligible, VA points out...This applies to both regular home and mobile home loan programs.

**PHILIPPINE MEDAL UPDATE:** The Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. has advised The American Legion that U.S. Veterans of World War II service in The Philippines who feel they are entitled to Philippine Service Medals should address their inquiries to: "The Adjutant General GHQ, AFP, Camp General Emilio Aquinaldo, Quezon City, the Philippines"...Heretofore, such inquiries had been received and accepted at the Philippine Embassy in Washington...Inquiries should be accompanied by evidence issued by the Philippine Government of participation in the liberation of the Island Republic.



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## Veterans, Military Committees To Change for 95th Congress

Election results and retirements will bring new faces to some major committees affecting veterans and the military when the 95th Congress convenes.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee will have a new chairman since Sen. Vance Hartke (D-IN) was defeated in his bid for re-election. It was uncertain at presstime who would succeed him.

The 15-member Senate Defense Appropriations Committee will have six new faces, with four members retiring and two defeated in elections. Not re-elected were Sens. Gale W. McGee (D-WY), and Joseph M. Montoya (D-NM). Retiring are Sens. John O. Pastore (D-RI), Mike Mansfield (D-MT), Roman L. Hruska (R-NE), and Hiram L. Fong (R-HI).

On the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Stuart Symington (D-MO) is retiring while Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. (R-OH) was defeated.

Three members of the House Armed Services Committee are retiring while one was defeated. Retiring are Reps. F. Edward Hebert (D-LA), William J. Randall (D-MO), and Floyd V. Hicks (D-WA). Rep. Andrew J. Hinshaw (R-CA) was defeated.

So far, there have been no changes in the House Veterans Affairs and Defense Appropriations committees. However, new committee assignments for the 95th Congress and switching can result in changes in these, as well as all other committees in both the Senate and House.

Two members of Congress very active in military affairs were re-elected. They were Sen. William Proxmire (D-WI), and Rep. Les Aspin (D-WI). Former Navy secretary John Chafee was elected Senator from Rhode Island, while former Chief of Naval Operations Elmo Zumwalt lost his bid to unseat Sen. Harry Byrd (Ind-VA).



A plaque memorializing the heroic raid which freed over 100 hostages at Entebbe Airport was presented to the Government of Israel by Legion National Commander William J. Rogers. Shown accepting plaque is Israel's Ambassador to the United States Simcha Dinitz, center. At right is Dr. Robert Shor, national commander of Jewish War Veterans. Presentation was made at luncheon-reception held at Legion's Washington Headquarters

### Vet Population Now 29 Million; Vietnam Total Over 8 Million

The veterans' population in the United States reached 29 million in Fiscal Year 1976 and Vietnam era veterans exceeded eight million for the first time, the Veterans Administration reported.

The largest veteran population segment remained those from World War II, although the total of 13.4 million was down 200,000 from last year.

Nearly one million veterans are now 75 years of age or older. Included are 867,000 World War I veterans, down 100,000 from last year. Their average age was 81. The remaining 675 Spanish-American War veterans had an average age of 91.

More than half of all the veterans, or 15.7 million, live in nine states. Five of those states showed a decline since last year. Largest increase in population was in Florida with 39,000 new veterans raising the total to 1.2 million. California continued with largest total of 3.3 million, up 29,000 for the year.

Other states with more than one million veterans were New York, 2.5 million (down 6,000); Pennsylvania, 1.8 million (down 4,000); Texas, 1.6 million (up 17,000); Illinois, 1.6 million (down 2,000); Ohio, 1.5 million (down 5,000); Michigan, 1.2 million (down 2,000); and New Jersey, 1.1 million (up 3,000).

## New National Cemeteries Are Dedicated At Indiantown Gap and Otis Air Base



Military ceremonial units dressed in early American uniforms paraded at dedications of new National Cemeteries at Otis AFB, MA (upper left) and Indiantown Gap, PA (upper right). At Otis ceremonies, four chaplains representing major religious groups participated (lower photo). From left, are Carl Bergstrom (Protestant), Disabled Veterans; Rev. Leonard T. Duffy (Catholic), past department chaplain (1973-75), American Legion; Rabbi Alvin W. Lieberman (Jewish), Jewish War Veterans; and Rev. Peter B. Koskores (Greek Orthodox), VA Hospital, Brockton, MA



# Legion Pushes Education Effort

By JOANNA ADAMUS

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

When young people answer "a nurse," "a doctor," "a lawyer," do you ever pause to consider that one day you might be their patient? Or their client?

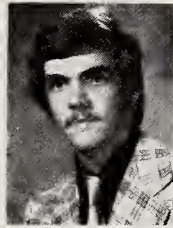
How will you receive the services of these youngsters when they are well qualified men and women?

George Bernard Shaw once observed: "Youth is such a wonderful thing, it's a shame to waste it on the young."

Fortunately, The American Legion, for almost 60 years, has taken a more constructive view.

The Legion has always strongly supported the principle that education is a necessary prerequisite to a successful democracy. It reemphasized this when its National Executive Committee voted last May 5-6,

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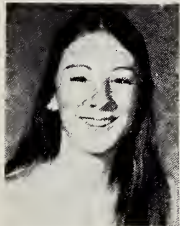
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to establish The American Legion National Committee on Education.

This committee has brought new meaning to the Legion's continuing commitments and responsibilities in the field of education, child care and youth. It will be staffed by professional educators, lay persons with a strong interest in education, and lay members of The American Legion and Auxiliary.

Five Area Conferences across the country are triggering the Education and Scholarship program with special focus on career education, financial aid information, American Education Week and new publications that help bridge the widening sociological gap between education and the work ethic.

How many times has an employer complained to a young worker:

"Just what did you learn in school?"

Changing times and mores have taught us that college is not necessary for every job. Without diminish-

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Post Commander Rich Albert of Frank Leahy Post #1974, Illinois presents \$1000 scholarship to Jeffery Weist. Pictured on left is sponsor Bob Nevers

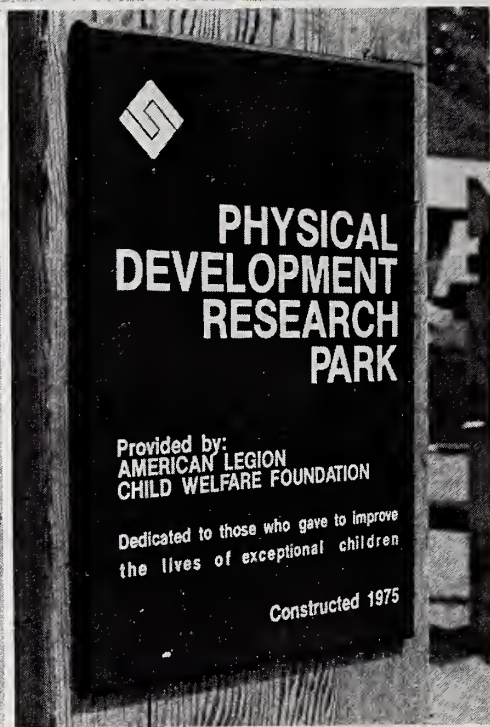


1976 Oratorical Contest Winners (l to r): Robert H. Maus, Honolulu, HA \$8,000 John P. Mullen, Brown Deer, WI \$5,000 Helen A. Bures, St. Petersburg, FL \$3,000 David F. Abernethy, Harrisburg, PA \$2,000





# Our Investment in Tomorrow



Utah State University Park, built with Legion Child Welfare Foundation funds, tests researchers' theories on help for disadvantaged children



It was a Sunday—Feb. 28, 1973—when the board of directors of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation approved an application for a \$10,000 grant for the Exceptional Child Center at Utah State University. It was to be used to help underwrite development of a playground. Utah State University contributed another \$15,000.

The park was to:

1. Provide a model physical playground for handicapped children;
2. Stimulate research in physical development;
3. Enhance the training of disciplines in normal and handicapped children.

The grant proposal was submitted by Dr. Devoe Richart while the site design was done by Professor Wendell Morris. The photos on the opposite page tell the result.

In the last quarter century we have developed a healthy awareness that large numbers of handicapped persons live in our midst. These persons come from all types of families. Many can be taught to be agreeable and useful citizens, although each must be respected for limited abilities and many will require a protected social atmosphere. The Legion Foundation was among the first organizations to realize that the degree of their independence will be determined in large measure by the quality of training they receive from parents, teachers, and others during their developmental years.

The primary role of the Exceptional Child Center at Utah State is to train professionals to work with and provide programs for the developmentally disabled.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's grant went for this purchase and installation of park equipment. The design, layout, and landscaping of the 9-acre site was done by Utah State.

The project was dedicated Oct. 11, 1975 by the Utah State faculty, townspeople and Legionnaires.

The Child Welfare Foundation was founded in 1954 "to add to the sum total of man's knowledge about children and youth; and to make the best possible use of such knowledge through wider distribution."

Since 1954, the Foundation has raised approximately \$800,000 and has allocated \$550,000 to projects across the country. Applications for grants for 1977 must be received by March 31, 1977. Representatives of non-profit organizations seeking information can contact Robert H. Patty, Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.



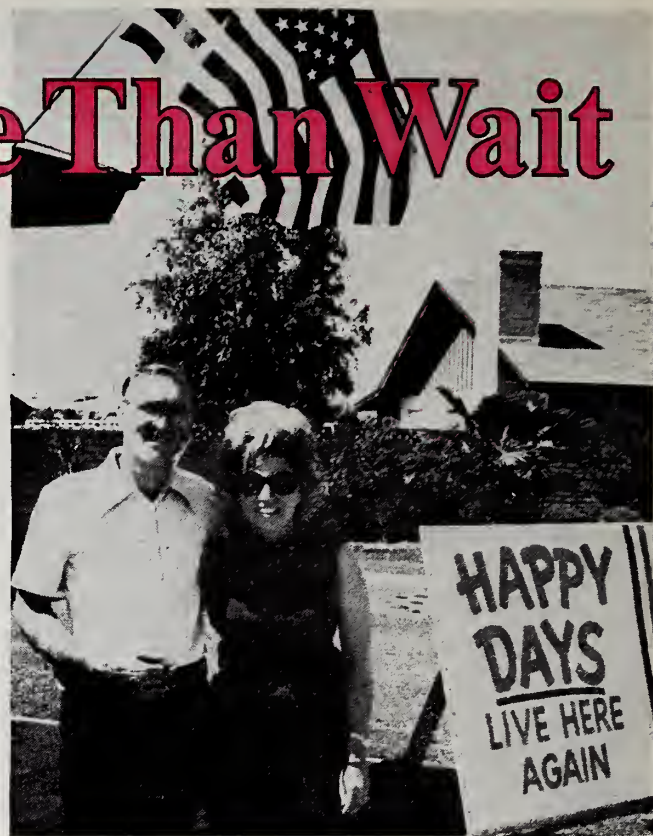
Less formal than the university park in Utah, two-year-old Camp West Mar is perhaps more typical of American Legion youth programs. West Mar affords recreation and growth opportunities each summer for 600 boys in the Western District of the American Legion's Department of Maryland. Located on 75 acres near the President retreat of Camp David, West Mar is manned by Legionnaire Volunteers like the cooks shown above and is directed by Richard "Poppa Doc" Graham, a retired civil service worker shown with two of his charges. Barracks were built with contributions from Legionnaires. Camp features a pool, firing range, archery, sports fields, etc. A highlight—aside from watermelon parties and firemen's displays—is the C & O Railway caboose that serves as a first aid station. Boys who need injections are compensated with a view from the cupola of the old caboose



# She Did More Than Wait

Here is the story of the wife of an American pilot shot down over North Vietnam, a man who won the Congressional Medal of Honor, who spent over five years as a prisoner of war, escaped, was recaptured and tortured and finally released.

Col. George E. Day is now back on duty with the Air Force. Doris, or Dorie, has gone back to caring for her family. But in this conversation with Air Force Staff Sgt. Steven C. VanWert and in diary notes she made available, the reader will glimpse some of the anguish of women who wait and pray for POW-MIAs of the Southeast Asia conflict.



Colonel and Mrs. Day pose happily with sign neighbors made to welcome him home from Vietnam

*The doorbell rang at 7:30 the morning of Aug. 26, 1967 in Phoenix, AZ. Mrs. Dorie Day, 38, wife of Maj. George E. "Bud" Day, Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam, opened the door to find three people on her doorstep: an Air Force officer, a chaplain and a Family Services representative from nearby Luke Air Force Base. She and her four adopted children, Steven, 10; George Jr., 4 and the two-year-old twins, Sandra and Sonja, had been eagerly waiting Major Day's return from Southeast Asia. Now their life was to become an ordeal of uncertainty. George E. Day had been shot down over North Vietnam.*

"It was a day I'll never forget," says Mrs. Day. "Girls I knew had talked of the blue car and the notifying committee, but I had never thought about it happening to me. When I opened the door, they didn't have to tell me . . . I just knew. I leaned back against the door and said, 'My God, my God, not me too.' It was the first time that blue uniform had ever looked so cold.

"I had been planning to meet Bud in Hawaii in 10 days and I had prepared food for the time I was going to be gone all that day. I had a funny feeling that I had to get everything done. I had gone lickity-split through the house and washed

clothes, scrubbed walls and cleaned the oven.

"But now I wouldn't see him in 10 days after all."

*Dorie and her children wouldn't see the major for six years.*

"I can almost pinpoint the moment Bud was shot down," says Mrs. Day. "I had washed some guest towels that morning and while I was ironing I reached back and picked up what I thought was spray starch, but it was oven cleaner. When I sprayed those guest towels, it was just as if a knife had cut into me. I shook so badly that I had to sit down and drink a cup of coffee. I knew that something had happened, something had gone wrong."

That simple incident told Dorie almost as much as the notifying committee could later that day.

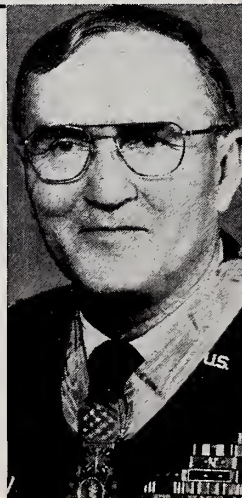
"It was a surprise to me that Bud was shot down because I didn't know that he was flying over the north," she said. "As a matter of fact, I didn't know just what he was doing."

*In June of 1967, Major Day organized and became the first commander of the "Misty Super FACs" F-100 squadron at Phu Cat Air Base. The squadron flew classified sorties over North Vietnam.*

"When the committee members entered the house, the chaplain made a special effort to emphasize that

## Our Most Decorated

Col. George E. Day is a native of Sioux City, IA. He joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and served 30 months in the South Pacific during World War II as a non-com. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the National Guard in 1950, was called to active duty in 1951, took jet pilot training and served two tours during the Korean War as a fighter-bomber pilot. A veteran of more than 30 years of service, he is the nation's most highly decorated officer with more than 70 awards, topped by the Congressional Medal of Honor.





# Kissinger Recognizes Vigil of Legion and Families

When National Commander William J. Rogers met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger this fall, the first topic was the fate of Americans missing in South-east Asia.

"There must be no discussion of diplomatic recognition or United Nations membership for North Vietnam, or aid for the country, until we know what happened to our men," Rogers said.

Kissinger promptly agreed, then surprised the commander with the first word that U.S. and North Vietnamese diplomats were to meet. The secretary then authorized Rogers to make public the impending talks and a U.S. condition that the POW-MIA issue be No. 1 on the agenda and that no other topics would be discussed until it was resolved.

Rogers said Kissinger's action was recognition that the American Legion has pressed the issue since the involvement of Americans in the Southeast Asia hostilities and recognition of Legion support for the National League of Families. For seven years the Legion has provided space and administrative support for the League in its Washington headquarters building and it has supported League activities in Congress, at the White House, Pentagon and State Department.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (left) and National Commander William Rogers discuss American Legion mandates

Bud was just missing, just missing," Mrs. Day recalls. "He put such an emphasis on the word 'just' that it gave me the super boost I needed right off the bat. The first thing I asked was if he had a chute. They answered 'Yes' and that the rescue personnel had heard a beeper. I didn't even know what a beeper was, but I knew that if he had a good chute, then he made it."

*The Days had moved to Phoenix from New York just five months earlier. Bud had left on Easter Sunday. Dorie had few friends. There was no one close to talk to, no one to share her grief.*

"Both my parents and Bud's had passed away," she says. "Actually, we had only 10 days from the time we arrived in Phoenix and Bud had to leave. He bought me a map, showed me how to get to the base, to the nearest shopping center and to the airport. He stored everything that we didn't think we would need during the year he was going to be away. I didn't even have pictures on the walls.

"The twins had just joined the family. In fact, the judge had hurried to get them on the docket before Bud left.

"We had talked about the possibility of something happening to Bud. Ten years before, he had survived a bailout over England and it made us plan for the unexpected. Bud had left me his will and everything smack-dab in order in a booklet. If he had died, I would have opened that book with everything

written out and followed our plan. But he was missing in action! I wasn't sure what to do.

"My next question was 'Do I still get this month's pay?' There were things to consider in regard to maintaining our family. My mind had really turned to jelly. Of course, his pay went on and that was a great comfort."

*But there was nothing to do but wait until 11:30 one morning when the phone rang. She recalls:*

"I kept saying, 'Hello', but no one answered. Finally, a voice said, 'Is this Phoenix? This is Sergeant Such-and-such from Udorn Air Base, Thailand. Stand by one for a MARS telephone call.' He'll never know what a relief it was for me to hear a military phrase such as 'Stand by one'. Immediately, I replied, 'Yes, yes, this is Mrs. Dorie M. Day! There was a pause. Then he asked, 'Is this Mrs. George Everett Day?' 'Yes,' I answered, 'this is Mrs. George Everett Day!' 'This is Norris Overly, Mrs. Day. I have been a cellmate of your husband's for the last two months, and I wanted to tell you that he is alive and well.'

"It was a very short call. I tried not to get too excited after hanging up the phone. We had an emergency number in San Antonio, TX, to call, so I dialed to get official confirmation that Bud was alive and a prisoner-of-war.

"'Is there actually a Norris Overly?' I asked. He was indeed real and had just been released. 'Well,' I said, 'he just called me. . . . 'Can I

tell? Can I tell my family?'

"'Yes, certainly. But remember, it's still not official.'

"A few days later, Norris called again after returning to the States. We must have talked for hours. There were many things he couldn't tell me because he hadn't been completely debriefed, but he compensated for not telling me about Bud by telling me about himself. I could understand what was happening to my husband.

"I was one of the few who knew that Bud was alive. The North Vietnamese wouldn't admit to having him, so he was still officially an MIA. At first, there wasn't a list of POWs. When a list was finally released, Bud's name wasn't on it. It wasn't on the second list, either. I was concerned because I knew in my heart that if his name didn't come out on one of the lists, he would never be coming home. Finally, in December, 1970, over three years after he was shot down, his name came out on a POW list. Officially, he was alive."

*From August, 1967, to December, 1970, there were few organizations formed by POW wives.*

"As a matter of fact, we weren't really supposed to know who the other wives were." Mrs. Day recalls. "We hadn't thought to try to get together, but little by little, we became aware of the identities of other wives with husbands either MIA or POW. I had joined an organization called the Detached Servicemen's

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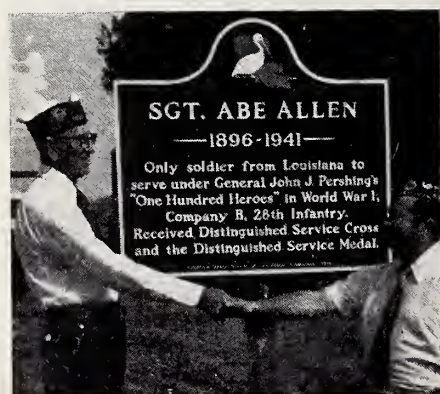
## POSTS IN ACTION



Although he helped defeat the Boston Red Sox in the last World Series, Pete Rose, of Cincinnati Reds, has many friends in Massachusetts. Because of a friendly World Series bet, Post 69, Reading, OH, was host to visiting delegation from Post 159, Graniteville, MA, which presented plaques to top Cincinnati players. Shown in photo, from left, are Dennis Courchaine and Phil "Moose" McLenna (presenting award), both of Post 159; Pete Rose, Mayor Bill Ernst of Reading; Deac Winn, of Post 159; and Charlie Ross, commander of Post 69

Post 178, Van Wert, OH, boasts four generations of one family as members. They are: great grandfather Pete Craig, 89, WWI Army veteran; grandmother Madge Williams, 66, WWII WAC veteran; son Ted C. Williams, 28, Vietnam Air Force veteran; and grandson Edward Rogers, 20, Army veteran who served three years in Germany. He is youngest member of Post.

Post 145, Leesville, LA, joined other local veterans organizations in successful campaign to establish a permanent memorial to Sgt. Abe L. Allen, World War I hero from Leesville, who was a member of General Pershing's "One Hundred Heroes." Shown at roadside



marker installed by Louisiana Highway Department, are G. M. Hunter, left, commander of local Veterans of World War I unit, and Robert Gallagher, past commander of Post 145.

Colonial Color Guard of Post 140, Lindsborg, KS, helps in dedication of Swedish Pavillion by King Carl XVI



Gustaf, of Sweden. Originally built in St. Louis for 1904 Worlds Fair, pavilion was moved to Lindsborg recently and was restored to its original state and yellow color. Color Guard members, from left, are John Martin, Andrew Olson and Patrick Miracle.

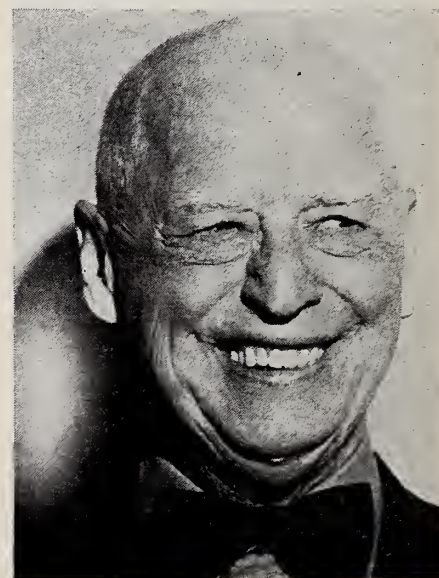
An honor guard from Post 1, London, England joined the Air Gunner's Association at a special commemoration and dedication service held at the Royal Air Force Church, St. Clement Danes, The Strand, England. Service was in memory of 70,000 wartime air gunners of the Allied, British and Commonwealth Air Force who died while serving in the two World Wars. A "Roll of Honour" commemorates over 19,000 American airmen who died while serving from the United Kingdom. Ruined during the World War II "Blitz", the church was restored by donations. Post Commander Fred McKenzie and other Legionnaires participated in the service.

John Saunders has succeeded his mother Leona (Lee) as commander of Post 149, Bremerton, WA. His father, G. G. (Sandy), served as post commander in 1970-72. Both parents participated in their son's swearing-in ceremonies. John is an Army Vietnam War veteran and has served as post vice commander and adjutant. Leona is a World War II Marine Corps veteran and currently serves as Americanism chairman for the Department of Washington. Sandy is a Navy veteran of World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. He is currently vice commander of the Department's District 3.



Clyde Scott, long-time member of Post 411, Milwaukee, WI, waves happily from official Bullpen Car he won in local radio contest involving Milwaukee Brewers major league baseball team. Scott has been associated with baseball many years having played on Army team during World War II. He has been member of the post drill and firing squad units for many years.

Meinrad A. "Stup" Stuppy, 82, is the only surviving member of the Greater St. Louis American Legion Bowling League, established in 1926. "Stup" is a Life Member of Post 4, St. Louis, MO, and still serves as its secretary. He



rolled the symbolic first ball to open the League's golden anniversary this year, with Legion and bowling officials present for the ceremony.



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## NEWS

### Proud Legionnaire Portrays Uncle Sam

Jim Jensen is a proud American who exemplifies the theme, "The American Legion—It's Great To Belong."

A disabled World War II veteran, past commander and life member of Post 461, Round Lake, MN, Jensen has devoted much time during the last three years promoting the "Spirit of '76." Wearing his own beard and self-made costume, he has portrayed Uncle Sam



at numerous parades and celebrations during Bicentennial Year.

Jensen has traveled over 6,000 miles, including 1,000 miles at his own expense, to march in parades. He participated in the annual parade at the Legion's national convention in Seattle.

Jensen is a past vice commander of the Legion's Minnesota Department and past commander of its 2nd District. He served as chairman of the 2nd District's "Spirit of '76" committee and secretary of the Department's similar committee for three years. He served on the local Bicentennial Committee and is Round Lake's postmaster.

### Who? What? Where?

Contact needed with ex-members of World War II 978th Engineer Maintenance Company, also of XIXth Corps Engineer Units, especially those of 1104th and 1115th Engineer Combat Groups, including Divisional Engineer Battalions. Information is for book being researched by Theron P. Snell, 1601 South 4th Street, Apt. F1107, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

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Assistance needed from veterans of 10th and 14th U.S. Air Force units based in India and Southeast Asia during World War II for history of all air forces which served in areas. Personal

accounts and documents, including photos, are required. Contact G. S. Lester, RFC/RAF India (S.E. Asia) Association, 46 Fulmar Road, Bedford, MK41 7JZ.

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For his book research, Kevin Born, RR 3, Box 2A, Humboldt, NE 68376, needs patch, history of all Army and Army/Air Force combat units which saw World War II action.

### Music Hath Charms For Octogenarian

Having just passed 80, Rudy Hoefs is the only charter member still playing with the official band of the American Legion's Department of North Dakota, which was organized in 1924. He also is a charter member of the Whapeton, ND Elks Band and is now forming a state fireman's band, of which he will become a charter member.

Hoefs began playing the baritone in 1909 with his church in Hankinson, ND. He later became a member of a German band composed of members who fought with the German Army who lived in Hankinson. In 1917 he went "over there" and played with the 345th Field Artillery Band in Germany and France.

During his 53 years with the Legion Department band, Hoefs played the baritone, trombone and saxophone. He says he played in 20 national conven-



tions, 52 state conventions and in 48 states and Canada. He participated in over 100 parades and was heard over seven broadcasting stations.

Hoefs is the proud owner of a 40-year-old silver Busher Baritone, shown in the accompanying photo. He served as Hankinson's mayor for 12 years. He retired from his last job in 1963 as dealer for the International Harvester Company.



## Tallakson, of Minnesota, Is January Legionnaire

The number of well-qualified nominations for "Legionnaire of the Month" is growing, making it more difficult to make selections. For January we have chosen Norman H. Tallakson, 86, a charter member of Post 167, Willmar, MN.

Tallakson has been a Legionnaire for over 57 years, serving as post service officer for over 50 years. He was Post 167's first finance officer and also the first finance officer for the Department of Minnesota's 7th District. He served as post commander and historian. Our selectee also is a past



commander of Barracks No. 1230, a World War I organization of the Department of Minnesota.

Tallakson served on the board of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home for over 20 years. In 1966, he was honored for 50 years of banking on the same Willmar street. He still serves as a director of the Willmar Bank.

In civic and community affairs, Tallakson also has an impressive record. He was the first president of the Willmar Chamber of Commerce and a president of the local Kiwanis Club. For 25 years he served as treasurer for the county Red Cross, the County Nurse Service Committee and the local Izaak Walton League and Sportsmen's Club. He was very active in area baseball and boy scouting programs.

Area churches also have benefitted from Tallakson's devotion. He served as board member, treasurer and in various other committee assignments for many years. He was member of the choir for over 30 years and president of the church men's club.

## TAPS

**James E. Gordon, 85**, nation's first draftee of World War I, at Veterans Administration Hospital, Martinsburg, WV. Gordon's draft number—258—

was the first pulled from famous fish-bowl July 20, 1917 in Wash., DC. He served in combat without a scratch, seeing action in Arotois Sector, St. Michael and Meuse-Argonne.

**Owen W. Anglum, 80**, Ash Grove, MO, alternate NECman (1964-68).

**Sam Gray, 71**, San Pedro, CA, past national vice commander (1972-73).

**George Francis Foster, 82**, Wilmington, DE, department commander (1961-62); consultant on National Defense Civil Preparedness Committee (1965-66 and 1969-76).

**John B. McDade, 78**, Scranton, PA, department commander (1935-36).

**Beulah May Wilson, 99**, San Diego, CA, first woman to join Navy. At age 41, as Mrs. Beulah Worrell, she enlisted April 6, 1917 at Minneapolis, MN, after Congress voted to allow women in the Navy. She enlisted with her son Herbert and was discharged as chief yeoman in 1920.

**Roy E. Anderson**, Woodbridge, NJ, department commander (1941-42).

**Loran Cottrell**, Lincoln, NE, adjutant of world's largest American Legion Post, Post 3, Lincoln; and Chef De Chemin de Fer, Passe of Forty & Eight (1975-76).

**Allen B. Willand**, New Smyrna Beach, FL, national director Americanism Commission (1950-53).

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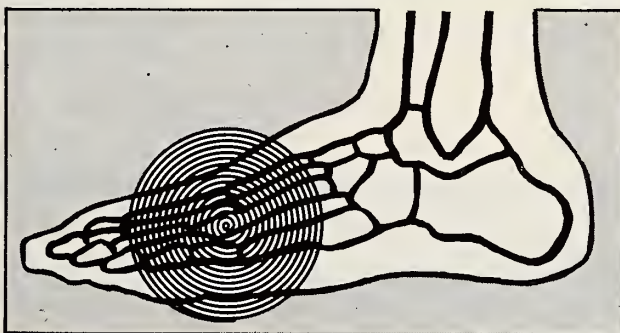
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James Cleveland, left, vice commander of New York Department of The American Legion, accepts a Freedom Award from Tibor Helcz, right, co-chairman of executive committee which sponsored Captive Nations Rally at Lemoyne College, Syracuse, NY. Award was given by Hungarian Forer Political Prisoners to honor Legion's support of nations under dominance of Soviet Union. In center is Jozsef Kovago, mayor of Budapest during Hungarian Revolution of 1956, who was Rally's principal speaker. (Syracuse Herald Journal photo.)

## Derditsch Won 1974 Golf

The 19th Hole did it again. In our October issue we reported Jim Hamilton, South Carolina Department Adjutant, won the 1974 Annual American Legion Golf Tournament held at Doral Country Club, Miami, FL. The records were wrong. Chuck Derditsch, of Post 29, Miami Beach, FL, won that tournament. He is officially recognized as 1974 champ at Indianapolis Legion Headquarters. Hamilton did win the 1976 tournament at the national convention in Seattle and finished second at Doral in 1974.

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search For Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers.

**424th Fld Art'l, HQ Bat**—Need information from anyone who recalls Ernest R. Lampon, Jr. contracted a fungus on his fingers and feet while stationed in Kumwa Valley, Korea 1953. Please contact "CID 338, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006".

**302nd Remond Depot**—Need to hear from any comrades who recall Samuel Rogers of Camp Upton, 1918 injured both knees when a cable snapped while stationed in New York. Please contact "CID 339, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006".

**12th Arm'd Inf Bn**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers David Mackey injured his back on KP duty while stationed at Ft. Hood, TX, Aug. 1950. Please contact "CID 342, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006".

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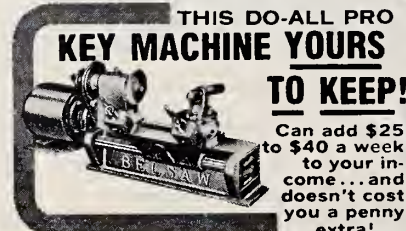


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## The Worlds of Jimmy Carter

an open question whether a two-thirds majority in the Senate could not be raised in support of concessions to Panama.

Mr. Carter speaks Spanish and his affinity for Chicano groups in the United States hopefully will be translated into better relations with many Latin American countries. But much of Latin America is ruled by military regimes. Social unrest is prevalent in many regions. Peru has just ordered jet warplanes from Russia. Chile must feel isolated from Carter's Washington by the President-Elect's strong criticism of U.S. intervention against Communist President Allende. Brazil booms, but Argentina still fights against its extremist guerrillas. And throughout Latin America U.S. business interests struggle against nationalism and nationalization.

Moving across the Pacific, Mr. Carter is confronted by an uncertain China. Chairman Mao is dead. A new regime is trying to consolidate power. Carter must decide whether to press the initiatives undertaken by former President Richard Nixon, or whether to play a "wait and see" game. The cautious Chinese have been expanding their contacts with the U.S., but since the death of Mao they also have been showing a more gentle face to Moscow. Dr. Kissinger, so personally involved in China policy, long held that a rapprochement between Peking and Moscow was impossible. The death of Mao could open the door to the impossible and such a turn of events would confront the new President with a totally new foreign policy picture.

Russia has shown little desire to force confrontations with the United States during the election period. Its initiatives in Africa have been threatening in Angola and Mozambique, but it has suffered reverses in the Middle East where both Syria and Egypt have chosen independent courses. It has not solidified its position in Southeast Asia, despite the collapse of South Vietnam. Vigorous Communist movements have not secured power in Italy or Portugal.

Yet Moscow has continued to build its nuclear and conventional military strength to a point where experts disagree on whether or not the U.S.-Soviet arms parity is shattered.

A group of Carter advisers has suggested a joint U.S.-Soviet cutback in military spending. The President-Elect has talked of a \$5 to \$7 billion reduction. In his campaign context this was seen as a unilateral Ameri-

can action, but he may choose to make it a pawn at the Strategic Arms Limitation talks (SALT). In these same talks he must make early decisions on development of the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine, the cruise missile and the mobile MX intercontinental missile—weapons that would enhance the U.S. side of the nuclear equation, but which would also make agreements with the Soviets much more difficult.

Outside of SALT, Mr. Carter has indicated he also will press efforts to restrain the proliferation of nuclear technology and weapons to smaller countries. And he has pledged to reduce America's role as an arms exporter. Both goals may be difficult.

But if the President-Elect appears

to face problems at every corner of the compass, his view is not much different from that of every man who has entered the White House since Harry S. Truman. Like it or not, the United States for more than 30 years has been the focus of Free World strength. It has been inevitable that international problems sooner or later fell at Washington's doorstep. Now it is Mr. Carter's turn to deal with them.

Every American—free men throughout the world—must wish him "Godspeed."

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## HITLER'S FORGOTTEN ARMY

week Schlemmer batters his way toward New Road; it remains just beyond his grasp.

Kreysing's right hook around Traun Lake hits air. At first opposition is limited to terrain and weather. Temperatures fall and rain beats at his men. Their mountain caps and jackets hold rain all too well. Passage through depressions filling with water layer their boots and trousers with icy mud.

Soon the snows will come and Dietl urges Kreysing on.

New Russian units appear against the Austrians. The narrows between Traun and Kurik Lakes is overrun by the Germans who swing around to seize New Road. More Russian battalions sweep in. Kreysing carries his men to within 300 yards of the critical road junction. There his Jagers stall. Supplies aren't getting through.

Dietl throws in the towel on Sept. 19. Again his men trudge back toward Litsa River. Murmansk might as well be a million miles away. A few days later snow billows in from the Arctic.

In October, twin disasters hit Dietl's men. Petsamojoki river bridge collapses when Russian 500-pound bombs slam into its clay bank. The main German supply route ruptures. A few days later blizzards whip in across the front, temperatures plummet below zero, visibility is a few feet, men flounder for footing in huge drifts, vehicles vanish, occupants strangle on engine fumes.

At Litsa River bearded men huddle in caves made of piled-up stones. These scattered little shelters are the front. Food and ammunition dwindle while engineers struggle to throw up a new bridge.

They manage a shaky emergency span. Shivering groups of reinforcements grope forward to Litsa; Gen. Schorner's 6th Division arrives at last from Greece. The men of Innsbruck gasp in wonder at these "strongpoints"; stare with pity and awe at their occupants.

"Front fighters" tie their dead and wounded on makeshift sleds, sling rifles, shoulder equipment and trek back toward Titovka. They are thin, dirty and few in number.

Dietl shuffles his cards: 2nd Division goes into reverse around Petsamo; 6th Division takes over Litsa Front; and 3rd Division begins its long hike down Arctic Ocean Highway—destination, Germany. Hitler decides it must be pulled out for political reasons: unrest in Austria

must not be further stirred by accusations about reckless waste of Austrian lives.

At his headquarters, Dietl's sharp features pinch with worry. Morale is slipping. His men feel isolated, cut-off, forgotten. Attention is riveted elsewhere: Rommel's Panzer columns slice up British units in Africa; Adm. Doenitz's submariners prowl Atlantic waters. On their main front in Russia, Hitler's forces surge over crumbling defenses. Smolensk explodes, Kiev burns, and Panzer spearheads rumble through suburbs around Moscow and Leningrad.

Dietl's war is measured in inches: capture this boulder, ford a stream, seize another tiny hill. There are no names here anyone would know—except Murmansk, and it is a mirage.

Then winter gives Stalin his turn. To celebrate their Revolution's anniversary, Red troops launch regimental strength assaults in November. German machine-gunners shout amazed warnings as long lines of Russians sweep in, arms linked and chanting, "Urra, Urra." Hundreds die but survivors rush "strongpoints" K3 and K4. Stalin's men fail, but they don't retreat.

In December, a full division hurls itself against Litsa front and burns out in toe-to-toe scrambles. Men fight in small groups while a blizzard encrusts their faces with ice, freezes wounded where they lie, and covers dead men until spring.

In January, Hitler promotes the popular Dietl to command Army of Lapland, which includes all forces in Central and Northern Finland. Schorner gets Mountain Corps Norway. Opposite them General Frolov commands Karelian front, with its 14th Army swollen by replacements and newly attached units. Many of his men come from the Kola Peninsula's prison camps.

Schorner's preparations for a new attack shatter in April when Frolov opens up a general offensive. This assault also is thrown back, but barely, and Schorner is everywhere at once. During the two weeks of furious battle, he is constantly in front of his men, firing, leading charges, exhorting them to hold on. His victory is won in the heart of this winter's most severe storm.

For two years, Murmansk front sinks into an Arctic womb.

In summer, 1944, Finland staggers back under a Russian steamroller and signs a brutal September peace. That same summer Dietl is killed in a plane crash. Gen. Rendulic takes command of Army of Lapland (now called XX Mountain Army). Rendulic withdraws his forces from central



and southern Finland with only minor fighting, but Moscow vows that Mountain Corps Norway (now XIX Mt. Corps) will not escape. Oct. 7 is born in thunder: Russian artillery turns night into day.

Four Soviet divisions trample one small section of the line. Within hours spearheads reach Russian Road. Naval landings turn the German flank and total disaster looms.

Gen. Ferdinand Jodl is the Mountain Corps' new commander. He orders his encircled men to cut their way out. Operation Nordlicht (Retreat to Norway) gets under way.

For five days a struggle rages between Litsa and Titovka. Jodl's men slash their way back to Petsamo and turn at bay like wounded animals.

"Hold on" is Hitler's order. His stockpiles at Kirkenes must be gotten out. Kolosyoki's mines are blown up, denied to Stalin. But Russians slice through Jodl's thin front and seize Taarnet Road. Jodl hopes his enemy will outrun their supplies, but the Russians are using roads built by the Germans.

Fierce struggles see-saw around Kirkenes, lit by burning hydro-electric plants. Merchant ships flee its harbor loaded with supplies and



ore. Jodl orders a retreat to the Lyn-gen position.

Empire Road 50 twists along a coast broken by innumerable inlets, fjords and streams; vulnerable to enemy landings everywhere. Stalin's men hound the Germans.

It is no easy march. Winter glow-ers. Behind fierce rear-guard actions demolition teams try to slow Russian advances. Norway burns. Nothing must be left to aid the Soviets. Crowds of refugees join the trek to the hoped for safety of Lyngen Position.

Operation Nordlicht terminates in January, 1945. The Mountain Corps survives as a coherent formation. Vast amounts of supplies are brought back to Norway and its defense posi-tions are intact. The winter march has no parallel in military history; Stalin concedes the miracle as his exhausted troops halt at Tana Fjord.

But it is a last burst of glory. In a few months World War II ends. Completely unnoticed in a whirl of earth shaking events, the Mountain Corps quietly lays down its arms and takes ship for home. END



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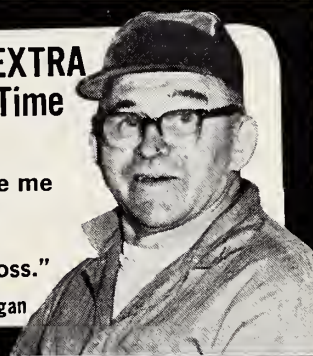
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## She Did More Than Wait

Wives' Club at Luke AFB, made up of wives whose husbands were serving in Southeast Asia even before Bud left.

"Soon we decided to take notes to record what we were doing. That involved electing a secretary, which necessitated electing a president, which ultimately led to our incorporating ourselves as the Phoenix Area Families. Actually, we were incorporated before the big National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in South East Asia, in Washington, D.C.

"Later, I was introduced by letter to Sybil Stockdale, who began the national group. She asked me to become Arizona coordinator."

*In 1969, Dorie Day was named Military Wife of the Year at Luke AFB. A picture appeared in the Phoenix newspapers of the Day family packing a Christmas box to send to Major Day.*

"It was the first time that my picture had appeared in public as a POW wife." She says, "We filled the box with a small stocking, candy, a tooth-brush and a small homemade Christmas tree. On the tree, I put a large heart and four smaller ones, so Bud would know it was from his five hearts. This was the first Christmas box that we sent that got through to Bud, we found out later.

"In 1970, we really started heavily with petitions and bumper stickers. We felt that if we kept the plight of our husbands in the public eye, we might have some effect on getting the POWs home. We never doubted that we were doing the right thing. A person does what he has to do."

*One of the tragedies in the disruption of a home like the Day's is in the reaction of the children.*

"The children would come up to me and ask, 'Where's Daddy?' she says.

"And I'd tell them at first that he was in prison in North Vietnam. I realized a little later that that was a mistake. I should have said he was captive, not in prison. They would go and tell their friends that their daddy was in prison and their friends would tell them their daddy was bad. Then they'd come home and ask me, 'Is daddy a bad man?' 'No, of course not,' I'd answer. 'Your daddy is a very good man'."

*In 1971, Dorie Day and 165 other concerned citizens went to Europe in an attempt to find out information about their husbands. They went to Geneva, Paris and Stockholm. In*

*each city, they tried to gain admittance to the North Vietnamese Embassy. In Paris and Geneva they were rebuffed, but in Stockholm, they found success. She recounts:*

"I called the North Vietnamese Embassy in Stockholm and I've never been more nervous in my life. I realized that when I talked to them, I wasn't talking just for myself, but I was representing all POW wives in our country. I told them that I had come to talk to them about my husband, who was being held captive in their country. I said 'captive,' not 'in prison.' I waited for the return call, and was told I could have an appointment.

"We entered the meeting room the next day. The man who greeted us



During the uncertain POW days, Dorie Day and her children pack a Christmas box for Vietnam. From Left: Mrs. Day, Steven, George Jr. and twins Sandra and Sonja

had a portfolio with the full name and rank of all our husbands, with Major Bud Day's name at the top. The portfolio was also filled with Xeroxed newspaper clippings. In 1971, we were having a lot of trouble with our prison system here in the States—most of these clippings dealt with riots and prison unrest. I realized that he was trying to tell us that our husbands weren't being treated any worse than criminals in our own country. We tried to explain to him that those criminals had broken the law in our country and had to be punished because of their actions. He replied that our husbands had broken the law in his country by bombing his land and had to be punished for their actions, as well. 'Your husband must be punished, must be punished!' he kept saying.

"Just how much he knew about me really came to light when he leaned over the table, shook his finger in my face and said, 'We don't want your son bombing our land in two years!' I realized that he knew all about my family, even to our son's age.



"It became apparent that he was trying to get us to admit that we wanted 'peace.' But we knew that his meaning of the word 'peace' and ours were very different. I looked him right in the eye and said, 'I understand, but I wouldn't say that we wanted 'peace.' I felt the whole time that we were being recorded."

"One of our complaints was that we weren't getting very much mail from our husbands, and felt that the mail we sent was being censored. 'But Mrs. Day,' he smiled. 'You received a letter just a few days ago, didn't you?' And I had."

"I felt that I should try to let Bud know what we were doing in some way. But I doubted that a letter telling him about Stockholm would ever get through. So to let him know, I sent him a copy of my passport picture, which is smaller in size than a normal snapshot. I enclosed a sugar cube from Stockholm, some jam from Geneva and chocolate from Paris. I knew that from these articles Bud would know that I had gone to Europe alone, because if I had taken the children then they would have been included in my passport picture. He would know that I had gone to Paris, Geneva and

Stockholm. Later, other pilots shot down over North Vietnam confirmed the clues in the package. Bud, recognized the picture and articles and knew I had been in Europe."

*In January of 1973, the announcement was finally made that the POWs were coming home.*

"We knew when the President requested air time that he was going to announce the signing of the agreement, but even so, it was hard to believe," she says. "When you've waited for so long, even when you know in your heart that the moment will come, it's still impossible to be fully prepared for it."

"In a photograph of myself that I had sent earlier to Bud, I was wearing a green dress. When Bud called on the phone before he landed at March AFB, CA, he remarked how much he loved that picture of me in the green dress. Because of that, I looked all around for it, but of course it was long gone by the wayside. I had another copy of the picture, because I had kept track of every letter and every picture that had been sent to Bud. I took that picture, went and bought a dress as much like the green one as I could, went to the beauty parlor with the

picture, showed it to the girl and said, 'Cut my hair just like that picture.' And that's how I looked when I saw Bud again."

*In the 67 months that he had been gone, Bud Day had been shot down, captured, had escaped and made his way to South Vietnam only to be captured again. He was tortured mentally and physically. His actions were soon to earn him every significant military combat award given by the United States for valor, including the Medal of Honor, our country's highest award. He would also receive the Republic of Vietnam's highest medal for valor.*

"The first time we really had time to sit and talk was in Bud's hospital room," Mrs. Day recalls. "I told him that whenever he was ready to see the children again they were outside the hospital door. He said, 'Bring them in, they must be curious.' We were all together again in that hospital room, but Bud looked so different that I was afraid the children wouldn't recognize him. His eyes were so sunken and he shook so badly and he cried so much. But they were tears of joy. I couldn't cry, I just couldn't cry . . . one of us had to refrain from crying."

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British industrial machine escaped demolition in World War II and now totters into obsolescence, while rebuilt German industries, with more modern technology, thrive. In much the same way, the old, obsolete factories of New England cities are boarded up while new factories with computerized assembly lines open in the South and West. It is easier, and often more economical, to start over fresh than to strip out and rebuild.

The geographic center of American population pulls ever southward and westward, making the factories of the Northeast more remote from their markets and raising distribution costs.

Some comfort may be found in the thought that the United States is large enough in area that it need not suffer the peaks and valleys of nationwide boom or decline that come in the pendulum swings for nations like Britain and Germany. While the Northeast sags, the West prospers, and then the South. Will there be a swing back to the declining regions when the West and South falter?

It could happen if the elusive lure of amenities in the sunshine belt fades and people grow nostalgic for the cozy verities of small-town life. It would happen under the stimulus of government-applied economic resuscitation, tax incentives or bonuses. If 20 million Californians come to believe their governor when he says that small is beautiful, anything could happen. Even the population of California could shrink, and that's precisely what some of the industrial pessimists predict.

*But somewhere in this restless thrashing about of America's people there are deeper lessons to be pondered than those of sunshine and coastline, jobs and political power.*

For two centuries, Americans were driven by the urge to wester. As a people we came across the Atlantic, most of us, to escape famine and persecution and to seek new freedoms. Our escapes and searches became linked with the frontier experience, moving westward through hardship and danger across a hostile continent.

Now there is nowhere left to wester, no unknown frontier except in space, and to many children the frontier experience means no more than the cowboys and Indians of television. If it is the children who are thus deprived, as we suspect, that might provide some clue to the rest-

less, rootless experimentations of so many of America's young.

Not long ago my wife and I took the time to travel from our home in California to New York by train. The cornfields and silos flew past between solid old farmhouses with their mobile home annexes, a reassuring America midway between the excesses of the coasts. It was a time when Patricia Hearst and New York City's financial affairs obsessed the news media, and in the 3,000 miles between coasts we marveled at the impression of calmness and solidity. The conventional wisdom is that Middle America is a voice of the past. But anyone who crosses the nation by train must wonder if the heartland may not be the steady anchor that yet can save the republic.

Could it be that out there between California and New York, in that Middle America with all its folksiness, its lack of progressiveness, its early milkings and early closings, people are closer to each other still and thus more alive than in the harried new cities of our West and South?

If it is so, it casts dark new questions around the restless mobility that has become so much a part of American life.

In California, in the past 30 years, I have chronicled the rise and eventual disenchantment of a generation once convinced that it approached Utopia. Now the great hope for California lies in its newest generations, those millions of California-born who are not hobbled by the excessive expectations of their parents. In a sense they are its first generation. Disenchantment with the old vision has not dulled their enthusiasm for more realistic goals. Much as the colonial settlers, they are a melting pot—this time of the people of other states and regions of America.

Sometimes I think the most important thing to watch is whether these new generations will stay put. They are already on the far shore of the United States, with nowhere left to wester, no frontier to probe except that most difficult of all—the one within themselves.

*Editor's Note: The author, Mr. Neil Morgan, is a syndicated columnist, and author of ten books on western subjects. His most recent is "San Diego: The Unconventional City." His newspaper columns have won the Ernie Pyle and Bill Corum memorial awards.*





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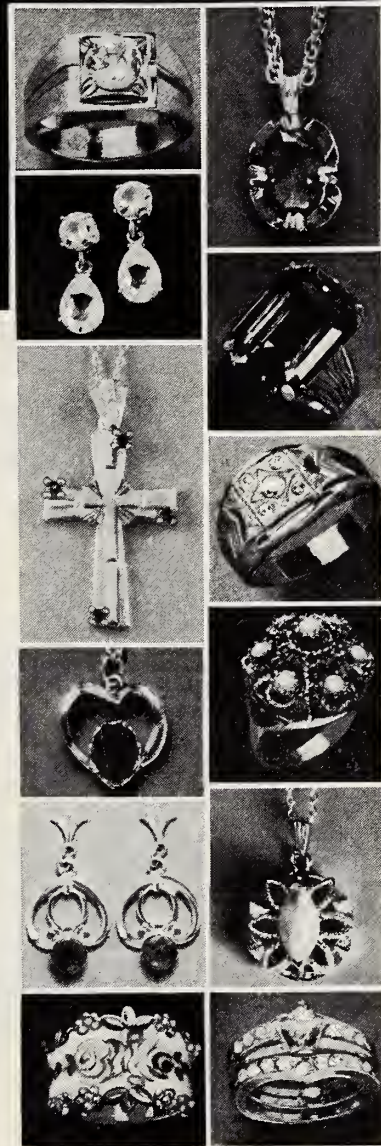
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### A 1977 ECONOMIC FORECAST. NEW YEAR SHOPPING BARGAINS. METRIC PINK ELEPHANTS? VA MOBILE-HOME GUARANTEES.

Cutting through the professional economists' jargon, here's what they're saying about 1977: "Good, but not great."

**COST-OF-LIVING:** Will rise slightly more than last year—from a rate of just under 6 per cent to maybe 6½ per cent. Incidentally, that's one of the lowest inflation rates in the world. Among major nations, only Germany turns in a better performance.

**WAGES:** Increases should be in an 8 per cent to 10 per cent range, figured on an hourly basis (for union members, the average will be over 9 per cent). Productivity, however, will rise appreciably, too, so that the wage hikes won't spark a serious round of price increases.

**HOUSING:** Some improvement for new residential construction, but nothing spectacular. Last year, about 1½ million units were built; this year, around 1.7 million (with higher sales tags).

**INTEREST RATES:** These will remain relatively stable for the next couple of months, then start to rise. The reason is that businessmen will borrow fairly heavily toward the end of the year to finance larger inventories and new plants and equipment.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** Statistically, it will remain high—perhaps around 7 per cent. On the other hand, employment will be high, too. But it's unemployment—not employment—that fuels political action.

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### This month and next are traditionally good for bargains.

**JANUARY:** Appliances, especially refrigerators, usually are reduced. Radios and stereo sets, too, are apt to get post-Christmas cuts. Household buys include "white goods," furniture, rugs, glassware and dishes. Shoes and shirts head the list of clothing bargains.

**FEBRUARY:** Normally, this is the best time to buy used cars, but this year demand for second-hand cars has been very high. Other possibilities: Bicycles, draperies, housewares and furniture.

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**When you shop for alcoholic beverages in the months ahead, be prepared for some confusion over bottle sizes and prices.** As of last October, distillers voluntarily began a transition from present package sizes to metric.

\*By the end of 1979, the shift must be complete; thereafter distillers will be required by law to use only six metric units. In the interim, you will see a mixture of old and new. A comparison of current sizes and the new metric measures looks like this:

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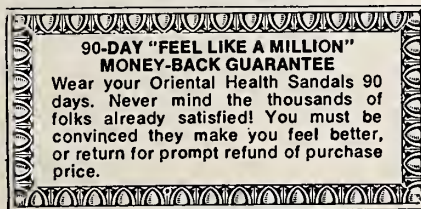
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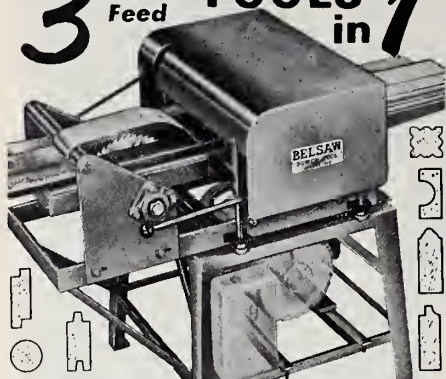
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States. A number appeared on *American Legion Magazine* covers.

But "Butch" was his favorite.

The love affair began in a pet shop window. *Saturday Evening Post* editors were looking for a cover subject to boost newsstand sales and decided a puppy would be a good subject. Al was asked to come up with some sketches. A passing glance into a Greenwich Village pet shop window met the pleading eyes of a six week old cocker spaniel.

Butch and Al Staehle did their job well. Whenever a "Butch" cover appeared, it was number one in newsstand sales. Fan mail came from everywhere. Most of it was addressed to the mischievous pup. Sometimes letters were sent to the artist asking him not to be too hard on the dog for the many pranks he played. Once, when a cover depicted Butch running through the house unraveling a roll of tissue, a case of toilet tissue arrived from a fan with a note to please let Butch enjoy himself. Another cover, during World War II, showed the dog chewing a book of ration stamps. This brought a number of coupons in the mail.

The U.S. Department of Interior wanted a mascot for its forest fire prevention campaign and Al was asked to collaborate. The Rangers suggested a woodchuck or a raccoon.

"The raccoon looks too much like a burglar," Al protested. So they settled on a bear.

"I felt a bear could be portrayed as the father of the forest..." Al explained.

The bear was fitted with a ranger's hat and badge, blue jeans and a pail of water to put out fires. He was named after Smokey Joe Ryan, a famous New York Fire Chief. Smokey was part of the war effort and Al received only "expenses" for his posters. (The original brown bear who symbolized "Smokey" recently died.) The monies which continue to come from various Smokey enterprises go to forest education.

Al never forgot it was the popular vote that launched his career and he always wanted to paint for everyone. When he died in 1974, we planned a memorial show of his work, but instead of using a fine art gallery or "select" museum, we chose Miami Dade Community College and Dade County Museum of Science and Planetarium. Both are frequented daily by busloads of visitors, tourists and lots of children.

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## HE COULDN'T DO THAT!

was a C-47 doing up here over Japanese held territory, 250 miles from our nearest holding in the Philippines? As he flew alongside, the transport made a right turn and started toward the Japanese air strip. Curdes called on the radio using one VHF channel after another, warning the pilot not to land on the strip as it was in enemy hands, but received no response.

The C-47 was now on its final approach glide. Something had to be done, and quickly. Curdes dove in front of the transport, forcing it off its path and making it necessary for the pilot to circle back to get in position for another attempt to land. A second, then a third time Curdes spoiled the C-47's landing approach, but the pilot kept on trying. The situation was becoming desperate. Curdes swung around and fired a burst of machine-gun fire across the nose of the C-47. The transport pilot paid no attention. Curdes made his decision. The transport was getting too close to the island to delay any longer. He decided to force it to ditch in the ocean. It would be risky but anything was better than letting that whole planeload of Americans fall into enemy hands.

He pulled in behind the transport and closing to within about 20 yards, coolly shot out the right engine, then the left one. The plane hit the water nicely, and came to a stop less than 50 yards from La Croix's little dinghy. As it began to sink, the door on the right side of the fuselage opened and 12 people, including two women, crawled out and got into two large rubber dinghies that the pilots had detached and inflated.

All were safe, at least for the time being, but Curdes still had to protect them. That meant flying over to keep the Japanese out of the picture until they could be rescued. He called to Schmidtke, telling him to come down and help him cover the C-47 crew and La Croix, who by now had paddled over and tied his dinghy to the other two.

The C-47's pilots, crew and passengers were, at that moment, for having Curdes boiled in oil for wantonly shooting them down. They'd become lost in some bad weather over Luzon, their radio had gone out of commission and they were worried about their fuel supply. The fuel gauge showed "Zero" when they first sighted the landing field on Bataan Island.

La Croix explained the situation. From being a thoroughly hated

cocky fighter pilot trying to show off, Curdes was suddenly a real hero.

Curdes and Schmidtke settled down to orbiting the three dinghies and keeping an eye on the Japanese field on Bataan Island. If they could stay around until dark, the castaways would be fairly safe until daybreak the next day. Curdes kept hoping for a relief flight to take over, for even by throttling down to save fuel he could stay for only about two hours more. It was still four hours before sundown and it was already too late to get a rescue plane on the scene before dark.

By four o'clock Curdes was about to give up and head for his home base at Mangaldan. It was almost a two-hour flight and he had barely enough gasoline left to make it.

Just then four Mustangs came into view. It was the relief flight. Curdes and Schmidtke swung their P-51's on the course for Mangaldan. When they landed they'd been in the air six and a half hours, something of a record for the Mustang.

The next morning, just at dawn, two PBV amphibian rescue planes escorted by Curdes and Scalley arrived over the three dinghies, barely visible in that first faint light of day but still afloat.

The first PBV cracked its fuselage landing in the choppy water and had to be abandoned. The second one landed safely and quickly picked up the 13 occupants of the three dinghies, as well as the four crew members of the wrecked PBV. All three airplanes returned safely to the Linguyan base without further incident, landing just in time for lunch. Curdes and Scalley were the guests of honor.

That afternoon Captain Curdes could have been found at the air-drome supervising the painting on the side of the fuselage of his plane of a little American flag—alongside the seven swastikas representing the seven German planes he had shot down during a tour in the Mediterranean Theater, one Italian crown and one Rising Sun for the one Japanese he had knocked down since arriving in the Pacific Theater. He remarked that now that he had ten planes to his credit, he should be listed as a double ace.

I awarded Curdes the Distinguished Flying Cross; and Air Medals to the other three members of his flight and to the crew members of the PBV, who had picked up the total of 17 people that morning off the coast of Bataan Island. **END**

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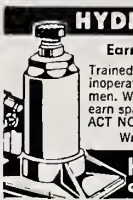
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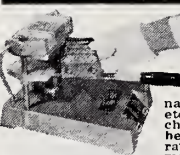
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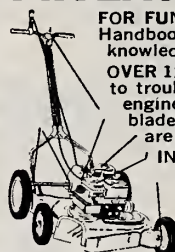
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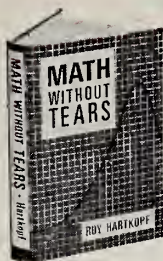


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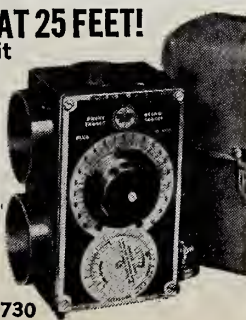
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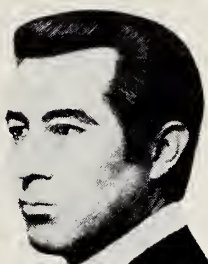
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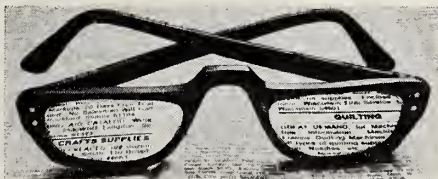
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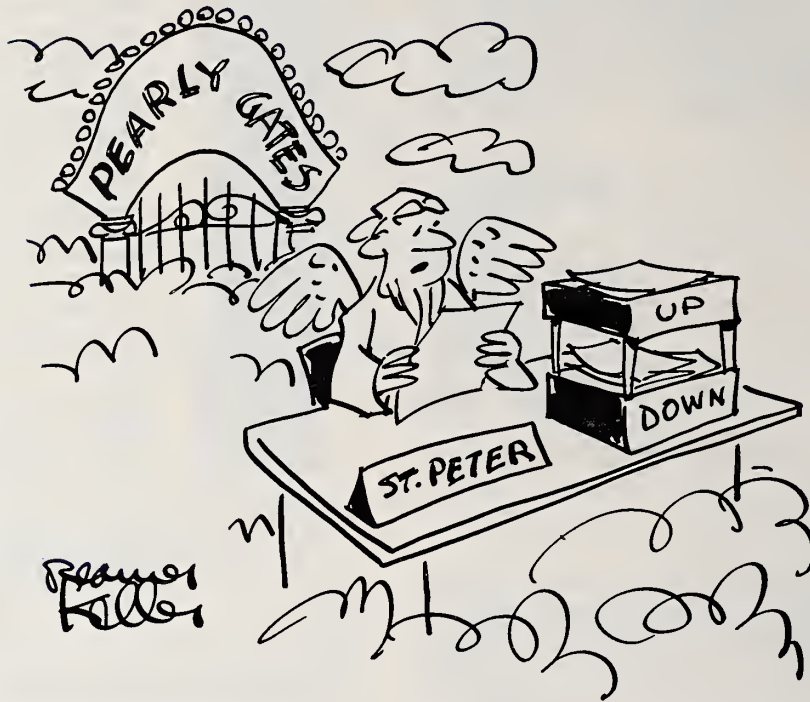
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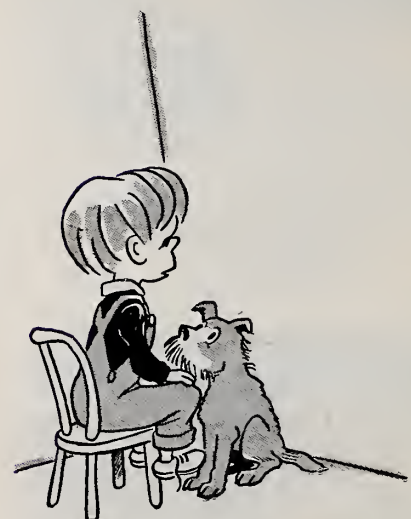
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